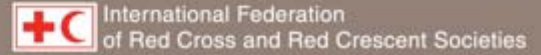




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Mid-Year Report



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This report covers the period 01/Jan/2012 to 30/Jun/2012.

Photo: Tajikistan Red Crescent volunteers conducting rapid assessment after the earthquake in Tavildara District



Overview

This is a mid-year report that highlights the top-line achievements and constraints during the reporting period. Below, the most significant events are highlighted, and a more detailed summary is provided throughout the report.

The Organizational Development program main activities during the reporting period:

- The Month of the Red Crescent was celebrated in May 2012;
- Campaigns and competitions dedicated to the Red Crescent Month were organized;
- The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan's Organizational Development (OD) program has trained and provided educational sessions to all the 69 branches across the country.

The Disaster Management activities in the first half of 2012 included implementation of three Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) operations:

- Non-food items assistance from DREF was provided to 156 most vulnerable households (936 people) affected by the natural disasters throughout the country;
- Immediate food assistance from DREF was delivered to 500 vulnerable households in need (3,000 people) in Murghob district;
- Non-food items and psychosocial support were provided from DREF to 558 earthquake-affected families (3,348 people) in Rasht and Tavildara Districts.

155 disaster events were officially registered during the reporting period in Tajikistan that significantly affected households and the livestock of the residents. In order to address these problems, the National Society implemented the following activities:

- Two tree planting erosion mitigation projects in Khuroson and Varzob districts to reduce vulnerability to natural disasters of approximately 4,700 people;

- Trainings on disaster preparedness, response and first aid in Khatlon province, where 100 teachers and students were trained;
- Site monitoring missions to access results of water projects implemented in 2011, which have demonstrated that 36,471 people have received access to safe and clean drinking water.

In the reporting period the Health program featured on the following.

- Trainings and information sessions raising awareness among target groups on health, first aid, HIV/AIDS, hygiene and sanitation, disaster management, fundamental principles, as well as humanitarian values;
- Detection: during the reporting period, out of 324 people sent for testing with TB symptoms, 24 were identified as MT(+);
- A global campaign dedicated to the World TB Day under the motto: "Stop TB, while I'm alive!"

In addition to that, Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transmission (PHAST) trainings were conducted in seven rural communities of Direct Rule Districts (DRD), as well as in Khatlon and Sughd provinces to improve hygiene and sanitary standards. Other important topics such as climate change and global warming were also discussed in the trainings.

Working in partnership

Operational Partners	Agreement
• Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan • Norwegian Red Cross • Finnish Red Cross • Italian Red Cross • Japanese Red Cross	➤ Project contracts/Memorandum of Understanding for DREFs. ➤ Norwegian Red Cross is supporting disaster management; water and sanitation; HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis prevention and awareness-raising; youth; migration; as well as organizational development projects and programmes. ➤ Finnish RC is supporting disaster management programme. ➤ Italian RC is supporting HIV prevention programme. ➤ Japanese Red Cross is supporting an income generation project on beekeeping.

Progress towards outcomes

Business line I: To raise humanitarian standards

Outcome 1.1: Develop and keep updated a Europe Zone regional trend report on key humanitarian and development issues, review of the interpretation of humanitarian principles

Outcome 1.2: Promote the fundamental principles and humanitarian values and mainstream those in other programmes

Outcome 1.3: Strengthen the professional qualifications through policy, research studies, IDRL

Indicators	Baseline (BL)	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
% of trainings during which participants are informed on fundamental principles	30%	100%	80%

Comments on progress towards outcomes

During the first half of 2012 the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan (RCST) carried out educational and informational sessions on fundamental principles and humanitarian values to raise the awareness of the targeted population. Campaigns and competitions dedicated to the Red Crescent Month were organized; a contest for the best article on humanitarian activities was announced among local journalists. Also, the charity concert, competitions between university students and National Society volunteers, sports competitions were conducted during that month.

In June, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan organized a special event and rewarded the winners of the competitions for the best primary organization, the best drawing, the best article on humanitarian activities, and the best fundraising initiative.

During the reporting period the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan has trained focal points in all 69 branches on volunteering management, youth policy and strategies across the country. Members and volunteers are involved in the development activities of the Red Crescent Society branches and on decision-making processes.

Business Line II: To grow Red Cross/Red Crescent services for vulnerable people

Outcome 2.1: Complete trends analysis (in Disaster Management (DM), H&C, migration, etc.)

Outcome 2.2: Deliver timely quality disaster relief assistance to National Societies and to people affected

Outcome 2.3: Create fully operational regional disaster response teams

Outcome 2.4: Develop and continuously update comprehensive disaster management database

Outcome 2.5: Enable Plan of Action for strategic engagement with civil defence/civil protection actors

Outcome 2.6: Follow the Code of Conduct – security management

Outcome 2.7: Advocate for climate change, scale up awareness and adaptation

Outcome 2.8: Target advocacy and support to promote IDRL

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
% of DM staff educated on new trends and policies in DM field	60%	100%	80%
% of DM staff members of Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT)			
% of DM staff who are in roster and are stand-by	5%	100%	70%
% of ERC included to database	0%	100%	100%
% of staff who are informed on Code of conduct and Stay Safe-Security issues	50%	100%	60%

Comments on progress towards outcomes

Heavy snowfalls and unusual low temperatures in the first three months of 2012 caused many problems all over Tajikistan. A total of 155 disaster events were registered by the Committee of Emergency Situations during this period.

A 5.7 Richter scale earthquake struck Rasht valley, eastern part of Tajikistan on 13th May 2012 early in the morning. The earthquake affected three districts of Nurobod, Rasht and Tavildara (at least 33 villages). Non-food items and psychosocial support were provided from Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to 558 earthquake-affected families (3,348 people) in Rasht and Tavildara districts.

From another DREF operation, non-food items assistance was provided to 156 most vulnerable households (936 people) affected by the natural disasters throughout the country.

Annual Disaster Management (DM) meeting was held to discuss the progress and improvements of preparedness, response and coordination efforts. Participants were informed on progress and constraints of the program in 2011, as well as on new trends and policies in the DM field. Participants provided recommendations on action plan for 2012 and for further cooperation. This activity involved DM coordinators of 11 Emergency Response Centres (ERC) of the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan; however, there are 40% of branch level DM staff who are not informed on new trends and policies. They will be involved in DM activities planned for the second half of 2012.

The capacity of the DM department of the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan was strengthened through elaboration of DM database and standardizations of core documents of Local Disaster Committees (LDC), Emergency Response Centres (ERC) and the DM department itself. The updated documents simplify reporting, decision making and other issues related to implementation of projects and for disaster response efforts. The management of the DM department has distributed the amended documents to all existing LDCs and branches.

In the framework of the Migration programme during the reporting period, five information and education centres for migrants provided consultancy on legal issues including human trafficking risks, basic computer literacy, Russian language courses as well as HIV, STIs and TB prevention and rendering of basic first aid for 576 migrants (regular and irregular). In addition to that, the Migration programme is closely cooperating with the RCST Restoring Family Links (RFL) project supported by ICRC.

In February 2012, RCST and Migration Service of the Republic of Tajikistan revised the bilateral Memorandum of Understanding, which was signed in December 2011 and started closely working on this document.

The first meeting of the coordination group on Disaster Law Promotion in Tajikistan was held on 10 April 2012 in Dushanbe to introduce new members of the group from related governmental agencies to the IFRC recommendations on Disaster Laws, the importance of this issue, as well as to discuss the Coordination Group's further actions and steps.

At the request of the Tajik Customs Services, on the 16th May 2012 the IFRC provided an orientation on international disaster response laws, rules and principles (IDRL) for about 80 Customs representatives. The session included an overview of the history of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, the mission of the IFRC and an overview of disaster risks. Particular focus was given to disaster law and the provisions on customs in the IDRL Guidelines and the Model Act for the Facilitation and Regulation of International Disaster Relief and Initial Recovery Assistance. Whilst a number of participants felt that most of the IDRL Guidelines'

recommendations on customs are already implemented in Tajikistan's existing laws and regulations, it was recognized that some customs officers may not be aware of the applicable rules, and in other cases may not understand the importance of the issue.

The Disaster Management department focused on the Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction Preparedness (CBDRR) programme which aims to build the capacity of the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan (RCST) and vulnerable communities to be prepared to and to respond to disasters. Thus, in order to improve capacity of vulnerable communities and achieve this objective, the RCST conducted 5 meetings in the most disaster prone areas of Qurghonteppa region involving local population. The meeting informed participants on disaster preparedness/disaster response issues and ways of further cooperation between the RCST and the communities.

The vulnerability of approximately 4,700 people to floods and mudflows were reduced through implementation of 2 tree planting erosion mitigation projects in Khuroson and Varzob districts. The projects were implemented in close cooperation and support of local authorities.

In total, 100 teachers were involved in disaster management\first aid trainings in Qurghonteppa region. Having participated in these events, they have spread the information among 3,500 schoolchildren of Jomi, Khuroson, Qumsangir districts and Qurghonteppa city of Khatlon province, having contributed to the raising of their awareness. For that purpose, information materials were elaborated, printed and distributed during "lessons learned" sessions.

About 100 students and teachers of driving schools were trained on disaster preparedness/response and first aid in Jomi, Khuroson, Qumsangir districts and Qurghonteppa city of Khatlon province. The National Society first-aid trainers taught the students on how to render first-aid in case of emergencies and road accidents. About 4,500 pedestrians and drivers were reached through road safety events of the National Society in Dushanbe city, Qurghonteppa, Rasht and Badakhshan province. The National Society's call for "Safe Roads" was broadcasted country-wide through the media, covering most of the population of Tajikistan.

Within the period of June 6-15, 2012, the RCST conducted a one-day day disaster management\first aid refresher courses for the 10 local disaster management committees in Qurghonteppa city and Bokhtar, Qabodiyon, Shahritus, Qumsangir, Panj and Jomi districts of Qurghonteppa region of Khatlon province. During this period 200 LDC members increased their knowledge through getting new information on raising awareness of population on disaster risk reduction, practical exercises on first aid, sharing knowledge and best practices of response based on occurred disasters.

During the reporting period 7 two-day Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transmission (PHAST) trainings in 7 rural communities in Direct Rule Districts (DRD), Khatlon and Sughd provinces were conducted for the 70 volunteers who increased their knowledge on hygiene and sanitation. During the PHAST trainings, participants went through 7 stages: definition of problems, problem analysis, planning of decision of problems, selection of versions, planning of new places and behaviour changes, planning of monitoring and assessment, and also joint evaluation.

The monitoring of the implemented projects in 2011 was done in 12 villages in DRD, Badakhshan, Khatlon and Sughd provinces. All the systems are functioning. 36,471 people have access to safe and clean water. Based on results of PHAST trainings 5 projects out of 7 were selected, which provide access to safe drinking water for 8,346 people.

The RCST distributed 110 jackets and 40 caps with the Red Crescent logo among members of water committees. Also, 700 packages of information materials were distributed among rural population to raise their awareness on sanitation and hygiene.

Business Line III: To strengthen the specific Red Cross Red Crescent contribution to development

Outcome 3.1: Promote the roll-out of S2020, where needed support will be provided for strategic planning along Strategy 2020 at country level

Outcome 3.2: Promote social cohesion or address discrimination and exclusion – At least two concrete pilot projects

Outcome 3.3: Support for Red Cross Red Crescent programs to promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence

Outcome 3.4: Scale-up significantly in HIV and AIDS, TB and harm reduction using the global alliance approach and implementing innovative and new partnerships in resource mobilisation

Outcome 3.5: Develop and improve strong support mechanisms for other health and care priorities – including first aid, emergency health, psychosocial support and road safety, prevention of infectious diseases, particularly of hazardous and non-communicable diseases and ensuring safe access to drinking water using "low-cost technologies"

Outcome 3.6: Strengthen NS capacities and internal development by alignment of assistance to their self-determined needs

Outcome 3.7: Enhance social mobilisation (inter-generational programs, Club 25, youth and volunteering)

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
# of people covered by the programs on information, education and communication	0	30,000	14,748
% of people (injected drug users (IDU), sex-workers (SW) targeted for pre-and post-test consultation	0	100	41
# of people living with HIV (PLHIV) covered by RCST support groups	0	20	12
# of campaigns to reduce stigma and discrimination against PLHIV, IDUs and other groups at high risk of HIV infection	0	3	2

Comments on progress towards outcomes
A global campaign dedicated to the World TB Day was conducted under the motto: "Stop TB, while I'm alive!" Every year, on March 24 the world community holds the World TB Day in order to attract attention of public on this issue and informing population about TB. On 30th March 2012, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan with IFRC support conducted an anti-TB campaign at the children tuberculosis hospital in Dushanbe city. Representatives from the international organizations, as well as the Tajik Ministry of Health were present in the campaign. Children presented theatre and music performances on TB during this campaign. On March 17 – 24, the RCST conducted round table meetings; announced competitions for the best drawings among students of the secondary school; made a call for articles about TB and undertook an information campaigns in public places, such as parks and markets. A marathon race was also conducted. The actions were actively covered by the local printed media. The local radio broadcasted interviews with RCST volunteers and TB patients about symptoms, prevention, treatment and transmission of the tuberculosis. Informational materials were distributed among more than 5,000 people. 11 staff members were trained on infection control program in Vahdat city, program staff also regularly participated in the medical councils. Two three-day training on strategic DOTS program, DOTS+, social,

community mobilization, infection control were conducted for 30 volunteers. The volunteers of the program have been carrying out daily controlled treatment of 30 MDR patients.

During the reporting period an agreement was signed between the UN World Food Program and the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan on the extension of the RCST food aid to TB patients and their families in Vahdat district. Community volunteers of RCST have been actively involved in the food program and the project team has prepared lists of patients and their families, the general plan, monitoring and the distribution of food and entered them into the database.

Two distributions were implemented on which 164 TB patients and 342 of their family members, as well as 37 Multi-Drug Resistant (MDR) Patients and 44 of their family members in Vahdat city received food assistance.

During the reporting period volunteers of the program carried out 549 sessions among 1,851 population and 15 TB patients. During the examination of people for the diagnosis of symptoms of tuberculosis, 324 performed tests identified 20 patients with MT +

Business Line IV: To heighten Red Cross Red Crescent influence and support for our work

Outcome 4.1: Promote and advocate for IDRL, National Society Act, and risk reduction

Outcome 4.2: Respond to socio-economic crisis

Outcome 4.3: Support NSs to the adoption or amendment of NS legislation to develop their auxiliary role to public authorities

Outcome 4.4: Revitalise the EZ OD function

Outcome 4.5: Scale up Resource Mobilisation capacities

Outcome 4.61: Diversify income sources – expanding partnerships (assist NS to increase public and governmental support and resources for addressing vulnerabilities)

Outcome 4.7: Develop a systematic approach for representation and advocacy with key partners agreed

Outcome 4.8: Develop a systematic approach for representation and advocacy with key partners agreed

Measurement			
Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
Resource mobilization capacity has been improved.	NO	YES	NO
Promotion and advocacy on fundamental principles and humanitarian values to raise the awareness among the population continuously conducting in all the regions at all times.	NO	YES	NO

Comments on progress towards outcomes
Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan has mobilized all of its resources to celebrate The Month of Red Crescent in May 2012. Sport events, info campaigns and competitions dedicated to the Red Crescent Month, concert featuring Tajik pop and folk stars and famous comedy groups on the 5th of May were visited by hundreds of guests. All income from ticket sales collected during the concert will be spent on charitable activities to support vulnerable people. Football teams made of NS staff and volunteers, competed with each other for the Red Crescent Cup of May Month football competition. The Red Crescent volunteers and staff with their red and white T-shirts and caps and with flags in the hands were an important part of marathoners at the National Marathon Day on May 20. Educational sessions were provided by the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan's Organizational Development

(OD) program in all the 69 branches across the country.

Business Line V: To deepen our tradition of togetherness through joint working and accountability

Outcome 5.1: Strengthen partnerships, sharing capacities and resources

Outcome 5.2: Enhance cooperation (leadership meetings, dialogue platform meetings, networks, etc.)

Outcome 5.3: Promote sharing information, mapping existing capacity gaps (databank and other global initiatives)

Outcome 5.4: Strengthen accountability through the Federation Wide Reporting System. (FWRS)

Outcome 5.5: Develop and improve up to date effective management structures that are in line with S2020 and with the country needs

Outcome 5.6: Modernise key business processes that impact on cost effectiveness, efficiency and accountability (planning and budgeting; human resources development)

Measurement			
Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
Agreements on cooperation are signed and partnerships are established to broaden the scope of programs of the NS	NO	YES	YES
Key business processes that impact on cost effectiveness, efficiency and accountability (planning and budgeting; HR development) are improved.	NO	YES	NO

Comments on progress towards outcomes
On 12th March 2012 a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Chinese RC and the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan in Beijing. Within the reporting period, on 7th June 2012, another Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Afghan Red Crescent and the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan in Kabul. The MoUs were mainly targeted at bilateral exchange and communication, improvement of capacity building, humanitarian equipment, material assistance and cooperative programs. The IFRC Country Representation is initiating regular partner meetings to discuss the current situation, achievements, challenges, planned actions, coordination of actions, etc. The Health Manager of the Dushanbe Office of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Society, and the TB Program Coordinator of the Central Committee of the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan are members in the working group at the national level, i.e. under the Tajik Ministry of Health. Program staff of Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan are also taking part in the Coordination Council named "Fight TB" as well as at the district level.

Stakeholder participation and feedback

Through the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan's programs, the needs of vulnerable population were considered, and after the full assessment of the situation, the projects were implemented in most affected areas. Some branches are already implementing integrated programmes, such as: community-based health promotion and first aid, water and sanitation projects and, to some extent, disaster management and mitigation, where communities were involved in tree planting as well as in river bank reinforcement.

Emergency response centres of the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan branches were involved in all affected regions across the country, also trained volunteers how to provide first aid and psychological support to people

during an emergency situation. Volunteers who work hard during disasters are an invaluable support to the professional disaster response teams of the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan. In addition, civilians of the local communities have put their valuable effort into an effective support for people in need within their communities. Together with their support, success and confidence during disaster situations were achieved. The RCST always considers the needs, proposals and comments of stakeholders and regularly addresses stakeholders' proposals to donor organizations and their demands. For instance, the Tajik NS issues a monthly newsletter of the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan and brings it to all regional program coordinators in order to provide stakeholders with all necessary feedbacks, etc.

Key Risks or Positive Factors

Key Risks or Positive Factors	Priority High Medium Low	Recommended Action
- Natural disasters are considered as highest key risks which mostly affect projects implementation in Tajikistan.	High	Close cooperation with the Committee of Emergency Situation and the Hydro-meteorological Service, regular coordination meetings, evaluation and preparedness for natural disaster are implemented.
- Continued growth of fuel price negatively impacts farming production and causes overall price rise on food.	High	Close cooperation with local communities and officials to identify in the regions the most vulnerable population so as to response to their needs.
- Political stability	High	Ensure close monitoring
- Economic stability	High	Ensure close monitoring
- Staff turnover	Medium	Promote and develop skills, benefits and financial support of NS staff
- Volunteer turnover (leaving for the Russian Federation for labour migration purposes, unemployment or family issues).	High	Improve volunteers' knowledge, give valuable recommendations, and develop skills and benefits.

Lessons learned and looking ahead

The recent assessment showed that it is necessary and extremely important to keep conducting regular sessions, educational campaigns and trainings in all the 69 branches of the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan on all subjects of RC/RC Movement activities within the country, in order to further improve volunteer management; branch development; fundraising and financial, logistic and staff management; visibility and promotion of fundamental principles and humanitarian values. For the image of the Movement, new fundraising tools, methods, charity campaigns, educational programs should be conducted.

Financial situation

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How we work

All IFRC assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations](#) (NGO's) in Disaster Relief and the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The IFRC's vision is to inspire, encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities by National Societies, with a view to preventing and alleviating human suffering, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

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The IFRC's work is guided by Strategy 2020 which puts forward three strategic aims:

1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
2. Enable healthy and safe living.
3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of nonviolence and peace.

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