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Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA) Tajikistan: Floods

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DREF Operation	Operation n° MDRTJ017 Glide n° FL-2014-000054-TJK
Date of issue: 18 April 2014	Date of disaster: 13 April 2014
Operation manager (responsible for this EPoA): Shamsudin Muhudinov Acting IFRC Representative for Tajikistan	Point of contact (name and title): Shuhrat Sangov Director of DM Department
Operation start date: 13 April 2014	Expected timeframe: April – July 2014
Overall operation budget: CHF 88,460	
Number of people directly affected: 2,562 (427 families)	Number of people to be assisted: The total number of the assisted families will be 500 (3,000 people): 192 families (1,152 people) are provided non-food items and informational materials 500 families (3,000 people) are covered with informational materials. Some of these beneficiaries are part of the community and only indirectly affected by the disaster
Host National Society presence (n° of volunteers, staff, branches): The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan (RCST) has a well-trained and experienced branch in the affected area including one National Disaster Response Team consisting of eight members, as well as 24 Local Disaster Committee members. In addition to five staff of the local branch, RCST HQ and IFRC Country Representation will also be involved to the operation.	
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners actively involved in the operation (if available and relevant): IFRC Country Office, Tajikistan	
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: Government of Tajikistan and local authorities	

A. Situation analysis

Description of the disaster

Floods and landslides occurred in Vose, Shurobod, and Hamadony districts and in Kulob city in the south of Tajikistan as a result of heavy rains on 11-12 April 2014.

In total, 15 people were killed, 13 of them living under one roof in Sarichashma village of Shurobod district. In addition, one person was killed in Vose district and one in Hamadoni district.

According to the preliminary data received from the local branch of the State Commission for Emergency Situations and Civil Defence (CoES), some 38 people have been injured.

According to the preliminary assessment, some 427 families (276 in Vose, 104 in Shurobod, 47 in



The RC team in the place of disaster in action.
Photo: RCST

Hamadoni districts) have been affected. Six houses were totally destroyed and many others were severely damaged. One medical Centre, three kilometers of roads, and 80 hectares of lands were also affected. The population also lost 301 head of livestock. Storage buildings, stocks for cooking/heating (e.g. firewood), cooking utensils and bedding/clothes of the most affected households were also damaged or lost. The affected communities are not in the position to cook but bring food from neighboring communities. Vegetable gardens of the most affected households and crop fields have also been damaged (covered with mud).

The roads to the affected communities in Shurobod district had been blocked by the debris. On 13 April local authorities removed the debris from the roads.

CoES, chaired by the Deputy Prime Minister, is conducting a rapid damage and needs assessment. This commission includes the Ministries of Interior Affairs, Health, Transport and the Heads of CoES divisions. This assessment process is still ongoing at the moment.

Summary of the current response

The local branches of the CoES, the Ministry of Interior, and medical centres are being mobilized to conduct search and rescue operations, as well as provide evacuation and cleaning activities. The local government has evacuated people to safe places - most were evacuated to schools, mosques, and their relatives' houses in other villages. The local authorities are also providing support in debris removal (in particular, in roads to affected communities).

The Government has provided 80 tents to establish a temporary camp for the relocated people in a boarding school in the centre of Jamoat Sarichashma in Shurobod district. The evacuated people are being moved from the schools, mosques and relatives' houses into this camp. 280 displaced people (mainly children and women), have been relocated from the most affected communities (due to the risk of mudflows/landslides) to the boarding school. Food is being provided to the affected people and as soon as the CoES finalizes the detailed assessment, the Government will provide a response/recovery plan.

The heads of the administration of the affected districts officially requested the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan (RCST) to assist the affected population and provide them with food and non-food items, as well as provide psychosocial support which was needed during the first hours of the response only.

The RCST has deployed eight National Disaster Response Team members and 24 Local Disaster Committee members to provide first aid and psychosocial support, conduct a rapid assessment and assist the CoES in the evacuation of people to a safer place. The RC staff and volunteers are active in all affected districts.

The National Society has already distributed some 20 family sets of non-food items including: 60 mattresses, 60 bed linen sets, 60 blankets, 20 hygiene kits, 40 plastic buckets, 20 water cans, 40 shovels, 40 hoes and 100 candles, which have been transported and distributed by the local RC, on the basis of the situation assessment and the beneficiary criteria agreed with local authorities, beneficiary representatives, CoES and other responding agencies.

The RCST has also set up its first aid tent in the temporary shelter for displaced people managed by the CoES. RC volunteers are assisting the local authorities in reaching the affected population in the shelter and are providing assistance and information.

The RCST is working closely with the CoES and international partners, including the UN agencies (WFP, UNDP, WHO, UNICEF, and UNOCHA) to provide relief assistance to the most affected and vulnerable



RCST is conducting damage assessment in the disaster hit village on 14 April 2014.

Photo: RCST

families. At the same time, the RCST is coordinating its activities with the IFRC's Tajikistan Country Office, which is going to provide technical and financial support in carrying out the planned DREF operation.

UNDP in Tajikistan has provided 1.5 tons of diesel fuel to the local authorities/CoES to support debris removal from strategic roads to access affected communities in Shurobod district (Sarichashma).

Needs analysis, beneficiary selection, risk assessment and scenario planning

According to preliminary information to date, the below priorities have been identified for the affected population while the detailed needs assessment by the concerned state authorities is still going on.

Food Assistance and livelihoods support

The population lost livestock and cattle, had their gardens damaged and their agricultural fields, which are their major source of income, have been destroyed. Cooking facilities and utilities are also damaged, therefore the population needs food and kitchen set support.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

There is a high risk of water borne diseases (e.g. diarrhea, etc.) and epidemics due to poor hygiene/sanitation conditions. Most households' toilets were affected (i.e. covered by mud or destroyed). In the affected villages the only water source is natural springs. At the moment, the springs are open but access is limited to some of them in due to debris. The affected population does not have adequate hygiene supplies (e.g. soap, tooth paste/brushes, etc.). At the boarding school (where affected people were evacuated to) drinking water and toilets are available. However, the sanitation facilities (i.e. toilets) might not be sufficient due to increased exposure. There is a need for materials and support to repair, clean and/or construct new temporary latrines. The relocated families need drinking water, water for household needs, as well as hygiene kits.



Disaster hit area. 14 April 2014.
Photo: RCST

Population living in affected area are mainly using spring water. The occurred floods and mudflow destroyed lavatories, livestock paddock, and planted fields. In the result, springs were contaminated and for some period the only source of water for the population in the area remains these contaminated springs. The authorities are committed to provide the population with the clean water, but the population in the affected area and the surrounding areas exposed to risk need to be informed that the provided clean water should be used, but not the contaminated local water sources.

Therefore, an urgent need occurred to raise the population awareness of the first signs of water-borne diseases to immediately turn to the doctors for help in case of need.

Non-food items

In addition to the mentioned cooking utensils, the affected families also need bedding and clothes.

Debris/mud removal

Most houses, auxiliary buildings and vegetable gardens are covered with mud. Support might be required for debris removal.

Support for the temporary camp

The support for the temporary camp (i.e. boarding school and tents in Shuroobod district) might be required in case of a prolonged stay of affected population. The support might be required in the following priority sectors – food security and WASH. Further assessments would be needed as soon as the camp erection and the relocation of affected people is completed.

Psychosocial support

Due to the nature of the event the affected population, in particular women, elderly people and children, are at risk of negative psychological affects and/or social stressors. Assessment and preventative actions, such as psychological first level support, and if required professional psychosocial support based on individual needs, would help to prevent long-lasting health problems.

The needs outlined above are the wider needs of the affected population. However, in accordance with the distribution of roles and based upon the request of the local governments and in agreement with CoES headquarters, the RCST will focus on addressing the need for non-food items and for the provision of support to hygiene promotion, through the distribution of hygiene kits and the provision of hygiene promotion to those most affected, as well as to the wider community members in the affected area.

The distributions will be implemented on the basis of the situation assessment and the beneficiary criteria agreed with the local authorities, beneficiary representatives and the CoES.

Those targeted under this response are families,

- whose houses are heavily damaged and
- who have lost their property and belongings,
- most vulnerable families with many children or with vulnerable elderly
- families headed by women as the only breadwinners.

Out of the total 427 families affected in the disaster, the Red Crescent Society is targeting 192 affected families by providing basic non-food items. The initial distributions of items from the RCST emergency stock for 20 families have been completed and the stock will be replenished from the DREF allocation.

B. Operational strategy and plan

Overall objective

The population affected by the floods in Khatlon province of Tajikistan receive basic non-food items to manage the consequences of the disaster.

In addition to the relief items distribution, the affected families will be covered by the promotional materials to raise their hygiene awareness, containing some information about sanitation as well. The materials will target the whole family, from children to adults, using simple language to reach the mostly uninformed residents of the villages.

Proposed strategy

The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan will join the Governmental Commission (CoES) to conduct the disaster assessment, and it will support this detailed needs assessment involving the representatives of the different stakeholders and the beneficiaries. Accordingly, the list of beneficiaries will be prepared according to the agreed selection criteria, this list will be monitored by RCST and the needed items will be procured, transported and distributed among the beneficiaries. The IFRC's Tajikistan Country Office will support the RCST technically and financially during the whole project, from the planning to the final reporting.

Operational support services

Human resources

The Red Crescent Society will deploy some 32 trained and experienced staff and volunteers to carry out this project and deliver the assistance to the affected population. The IFRC's in-country and Zone staff will also be responsible for the overall technical support to the RCST in implementing this operation, as well as in reporting and communications.

Logistics and supply chain

Non-food items to be distributed to the affected population and to replenish the RCST disaster preparedness stock will be procured locally. The procurement, transport and prepositioning of the stocks will be conducted in accordance with IFRC procedures and rules.

Information technology (IT)

The NS HQ will maintain regular communication with its Khatlon branches through the mobile telephone network, and through the internet for reports and pictures.

Communications

A press release will be prepared in Tajik, English, and Russian to be disseminated through the local media, as well as to be posted on the official web-site of the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan. Pictures from the operation site will be taken and used for both sending to media and posting on the internal web-site. The field staff and volunteers will be available for media interviews with the preliminary coordination with the RCST's communications officer. The IFRC Country Representation's communications officer will be actively involved in the communications works.

Planning, monitoring, evaluation, & reporting (PMER)

The RCST and the IFRC's Tajikistan Office will monitor the whole project implementation. The IFRC will provide technical support in terms of operation management including monitoring and reporting where necessary. Updates will be provided by RCST to the IFRC on the general progress of the operation. The IFRC will publish a final report after the completion of the operation. A beneficiary satisfaction survey will be carried out as part of the monitoring and evaluation activities. A lessons-learned workshop will also be arranged to share the experience and challenges faced during the operation among the Red Crescent staff, IFRC and other partners.

This operation is expected to be implemented over three months, and will therefore be completed by 17 July; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation, by 17 October 2014.

Administration and Finance

The RCST will ensure the proper use of financial resources in accordance with the conditions laid down in the project agreement signed between the National Society and the donor. The IFRC will ensure that financial resources management will take place according to IFRC standards and DREF guidelines.

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C. DETAILED OPERATIONAL PLAN

Water, sanitation and hygiene promotion

Needs analysis The population`s toilets and water sources have been affected by the disaster and the population now lives in bad sanitary conditions with limited access to drinking water and proper hygiene facilities. This situation raises the risk of water borne diseases and epidemics. Also the affected population does not have adequate hygiene supplies, such as soap, tooth paste/brushes, etc.

Population to be assisted Under this operation 192 families in Khatlon will receive hygiene kits containing toilet soap, washing powder, towel, toilet paper, toothpaste and toothbrush, shampoo, and disinfection powder. The RCST will also provide hygiene promotional materials and support to a total of 3,000 beneficiaries, including those receiving hygiene kits, to use this opportunity to raise their hygiene awareness and promote good hygiene practices in the wider affected community.

Outcome 1: Improving the hygienic situation of the 15 affected communities																
Output 1.1: Hygiene kits are provided to 192 affected families (20 families who have already received assistance plus 172 additional families)																
Activities planned	Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			
Conduct detailed emergency needs assessments																
Prepare lists of beneficiaries together with local authorities																
Conduct monitoring of beneficiary lists																
Procure selected items, transport and pre-position stocks																
Transport and distribute hygiene kits among beneficiaries																
Control supply movements from point of dispatch to end user																
Monitor the relief activities and provide reporting on relief distributions																
Beneficiary Satisfaction Survey																
Conduct a lessons-learned workshop																

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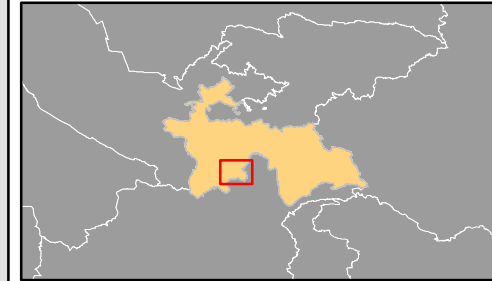
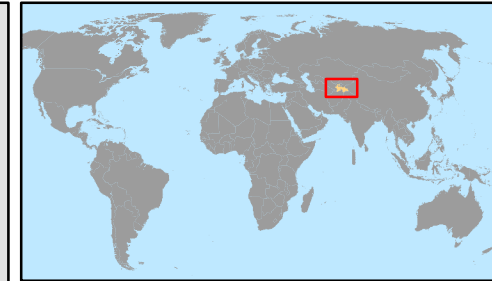
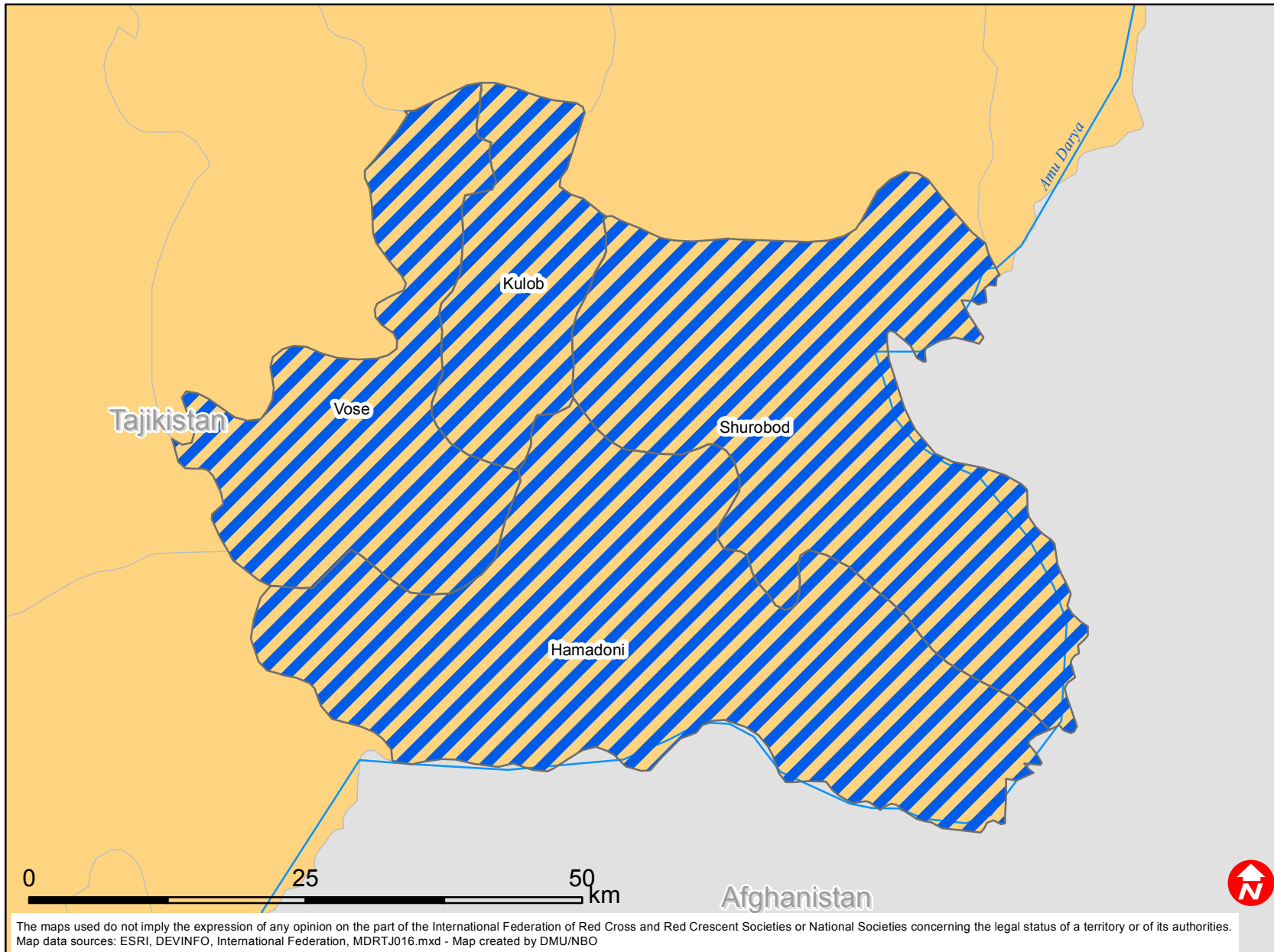
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Budget Group	DREF Grant Budget CHF
Shelter - Relief	
Shelter - Transitional	
Construction - Housing	
Construction - Facilities	
Construction - Materials	
Clothing & Textiles	47,672
Food	
Seeds & Plants	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	4,224
Medical & First Aid	
Teaching Materials	
Utensils & Tools	12,826
Other Supplies & Services	
Cash Disbursements	
Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES	64,722
Land & Buildings	
Vehicles	
Computer & Telecom Equipment	
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment	
Medical Equipment	
Other Machinery & Equipment	
Total LAND, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT	0
Storage, Warehousing	
Distribution & Monitoring	1,150
Transport & Vehicle Costs	3,200
Logistics Services	
Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE	4,350
International Staff	
National Staff	
National Society Staff	450
Volunteers	5,540
Total PERSONNEL	5,990
Consultants	
Professional Fees	
Total CONSULTANTS & PROFESSIONAL FEES	0
Workshops & Training	1,700
Total WORKSHOP & TRAINING	1,700
Travel	850
Information & Public Relations	4,500
Office Costs	150
Communications	800
Financial Charges	
Other General Expenses	
Shared Office and Services Costs	
Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES	6,300
Partner National Societies	
Other Partners (NGOs, UN, other)	
Total TRANSFER TO PARTNERS	0
Programme and Supplementary Services Recovery	5,399
Total INDIRECT COSTS	5,399
TOTAL BUDGET	88,461



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 Affected districts