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Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA) Tajikistan: Floods in Khuroson District

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DREF Operation	Operation n° MDRTJ018 Glide n° MS-2014-000057-TJK
Date of issue: 22 April 2014	Date of disaster: 16 April 2014
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Operation start date: 16 April 2014	Expected timeframe: April – July 2014
Overall operation budget: CHF 55,847	
Number of people affected: 256 families (1,536 people)	Number of people to be assisted: 172 families, out of which 90 families will be provided with food parcels and non-food items and 82 families will receive only food items. The total number of assisted people will be 1,032; all of them will receive hygiene promotional materials.
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, five staff of the local branch supported by the RCST HQ and IFRC Country Representation will be involved in the operation.	
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners actively involved in the operation (if available and relevant): IFRC Country Representation in Tajikistan	
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: Government of Tajikistan, local authorities and UN agencies	

A. Situation analysis

Description of the disaster

On 16 April 2014, due to heavy rains and hailstorm, a mudflow hit Kizil-kala village of Mehnatobod administrative centre of Khuroson district, Khatlon province.

According to the initial rapid assessment conducted jointly by the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense and the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan, 256 families (1,536 people) were affected by the flood. Two young boys, aged 5 and 2, were killed by the mudflow. The mudflow also damaged the local infrastructure and affected the livelihoods of the population.

The medical point and the local school are not damaged, but the access to them is hampered due to the debris. Some three kilometers of roads, and 260 hectares of lands are also affected. Some 60



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

heads of livestock are also lost. Storage buildings, stocks for cooking/heating (e.g. firewood), cooking utensils and bedding/clothes of most affected households were damaged or lost. The neighbouring villages are trying to help by bringing some food for the affected population.

A detailed damage and needs assessment process is on-going at the moment.

Summary of the current response

The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan has received a formal letter from the Khuroson district officials requesting assistance to the affected population and to provide them with food and non-food items, as well as psychosocial support.

8 members of the RCST National Disaster Response Team and 10 members of RCST Local Disaster Committee in Qurghonteppe region members were deployed in the affected village. The Red Crescent Society mobilized its staff and volunteers to conduct rapid assessment, rendering first aid (based on needs) and to help the affected people during the evacuation from the affected area.

Members of the Committee of Emergency Situations backed by local authorities are removing debris, particularly in roads to affected communities.

The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan is working closely with the CoES and the UN agencies – WFP, UNDP, WHO, UNICEF, and UNOCHA, to provide relief assistance to the most affected and vulnerable households. At the same time, the RCST is coordinating its activities with the IFRC Country Representation in Tajikistan, which is going to provide technical and financial support in carrying out the planned operation.

The joint assessment is going on in all affected areas. As soon as the State Commission on Emergency finalizes the detailed assessment, the Government will provide a response/recovery plan.

Needs analysis, beneficiary selection, risk assessment and scenario planning

The humanitarian priorities include food and non-food items, support in debris cleaning and sanitation/hygiene.

Food stocks and food storage facilities in most houses were damaged (covered with mud) or lost. Although the operation of local shops and markets is not interrupted, the population is not able to buy food due to the financial losses that they have suffered in the floods. The population also lost much of their cattle and livestock, gardens and agricultural fields, which are the main source of income for most of the affected families.

There is a high risk of waterborne diseases and epidemics due to poor hygiene/sanitation conditions. Most households' toilets are covered by mud or destroyed. The affected population does not have adequate hygiene supplies (e.g. soap, tooth paste/brushes, etc.). The population also needs cooking and bedding sets. Therefore, an urgent need occurred to raise the population awareness of the first signs of waterborne diseases to immediately get medical help in case of need.

There is no drinking water source in Kizil-kala. Drinking water is delivered from a neighbouring village. Support is required in water provision/delivery, as the affected families would focus on cleaning their houses/belongings and rehabilitation of houses. Support is also required for debris/mud removal; in particular, for the most vulnerable families (e.g. women-headed households).

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

According to the distribution of roles and based upon request by the local authorities and in agreement with the CoES headquarter, the RCST will focus on addressing the needs for food and non-food items and hygiene promotion.

In total the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan is targeting 172 families¹. Out of that number, 90 families will be provided with complementary food parcels and non-food items, and 82 families will receive only food items, as the non-food items will be provided to them by the local authorities and CoES. The non-food (NFI) family set includes beddings, hygiene kits, cooking sets, water cans, baskets, shovels and hoes. The

¹ In total 1,032 people, because the average size of a family is six people or even more in some of the remote areas.

complementary family food parcels consist of vegetable oil, sugar, salt, black and green tea leaves, rice and macaroni.

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

The selected beneficiaries targeted under this response are mainly,

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

B. Operational strategy and plan

Overall objective

The resilience of the affected population in Khuroson is increased to cope with the consequences of the disaster through provision of food, non food items and hygiene promotion.

In addition to the food and non-food items distribution, the affected families will be covered by health promotional materials to raise their hygiene awareness, containing useful information about sanitation. The materials will target the whole family, from children to adults, using a simple language to reach the generally under-informed residents of the villages.

Proposed strategy

The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan will assess the needs of the affected population jointly with the authorities and beneficiary representatives. The list of beneficiaries will be prepared according to the agreed selection criteria; it will be monitored, and that list will be the basis upon which the needed items will be procured, transported and distributed to the beneficiaries. The IFRC Country Representation in Tajikistan will support the RCST technically and financially during the whole project, from the planning to the final reporting.

The DREF operation will be an immediate emergency response to the needs of the affected population to ensure emergency shelter, complementary food, hygienic items and sanitation which are urgently required for the 172 families targeted. It will also look at resourcing the operation, support for more assessments as well as expenses incurred prior to the DREF application.

The key activities planned as part of this operation are as follows.

- Detailed assessments and completion of the beneficiaries` lists according to the criteria agreed with the local authorities;
- Relief distributions and provision of targeted population with food and non-food items;
- Improving the hygienic situation by distributing hygiene kits and health promotion materials;
- Emergency shelter.

Operational support services

Human resources

Some 18 trained and experienced staff and volunteers of the RCST will be deployed to implement this project and deliver the aid to the affected population. The IFRC 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

Food and non-food items to be distributed to the affected population 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 National Society's HQ will maintain regular communication with its Qurghonteppa region and Khuroson district branches through the mobile telephone network, and, for reports and pictures, through the internet.

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 website 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 website. The field staff and volunteers will be available for media interviews after preliminary coordination with the RCST's Communications Officer. The IFRC Communications Officer in the IFRC's Dushanbe Office will be actively involved in the communications works.

Planning, monitoring, evaluation, & reporting (PMER)

The RCST and the IFRC Country Representation in Tajikistan 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 conducted 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, the IFRC Country Representation and other partners.

This operation is expected to be implemented over three months, and will therefore be completed by 20 July 2014; a final report will be made available three months after the end of the operation, by 20 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 the financial resources management shall take place according to IFRC standards and the DREF guidelines.

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Emergency shelter and household items

Storage buildings, stocks for cooking/heating (e.g. firewood), cooking utensils and bedding/clothes of the most affected families were damaged or lost. The affected population needs bedding sets, cooking sets, as well as some simple materials to clean the houses from the muds. Some 90 families will be provided with mattresses, bed linen sets, blankets, pillows, plastic buckets, water cans, cooking sets, shovels, and hoes.

Outcome 1: The immediate settlement needs of the target population are met.																	
Output 1.1: Non-food items are provided to 90 affected families.																	
Activities planned	Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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 items to 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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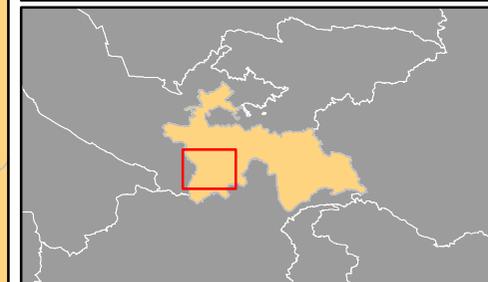
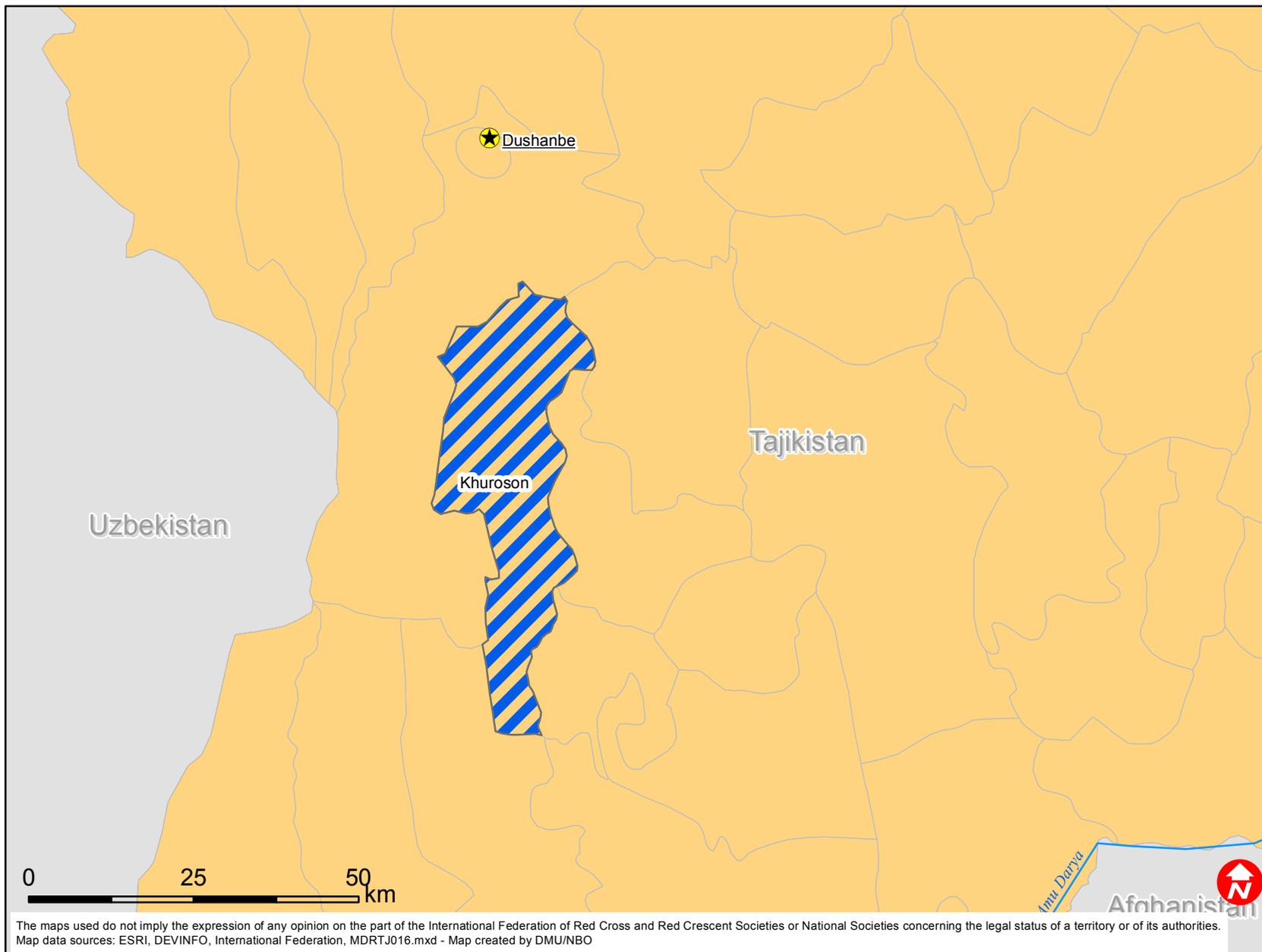
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Budget Group	DREF Grant Budget CHF
Shelter - Relief	
Shelter - Transitional	
Construction - Housing	
Construction - Facilities	
Construction - Materials	
Clothing & Textiles	26,550
Food	7,143
Seeds & Plants	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	3,420
Medical & First Aid	
Teaching Materials	
Utensils & Tools	4,572
Other Supplies & Services	
Cash Disbursements	
Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES	41,685
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	1,900
Logistics Services	
Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE	3,050
International Staff	
National Staff	
National Society Staff	
Volunteers	3,248
Total PERSONNEL	3,248
Consultants	
Professional Fees	
Total CONSULTANTS & PROFESSIONAL FEES	0
Workshops & Training	850
Total WORKSHOP & TRAINING	850
Travel	850
Information & Public Relations	1,806
Office Costs	150
Communications	800
Financial Charges	
Other General Expenses	
Shared Office and Services Costs	
Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES	3,606
Partner National Societies	
Other Partners (NGOs, UN, other)	
Total TRANSFER TO PARTNERS	0
Programme and Supplementary Services Recovery	3,409
Total INDIRECT COSTS	3,409
TOTAL BUDGET	55,847



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 Affected district