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Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA) Tajikistan: Floods

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DREF Operation	Operation n° MDRTJ020 Glide n° FL-2015-000055-TJK
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Operation start date: 13 May 2015	Expected timeframe: May – August 2015 (3 months)
Overall operation budget: CHF 81,376	
Number of people affected: 296 families (1,776 people)	Number of people to be assisted: 127 families (762 people) will be provided with food and non-food items and hygiene kits. In addition, 20 family sets of non-food items, already distributed, will be replenished.
Host National Society presence: The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan (RCST) involved 30 people from its staff and volunteers including one National Disaster Response Team consisting of 8 members, as well as 20 Local Disaster Committee members and 3 staff of the local branch supported by the RCST HQ and the IFRC Secretariat's Country Representation	
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners actively involved in the operation: IFRC Secretariat's 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

Prolonged torrential rains caused a number of floods and mudslides between 11 and 13 May 2015 that damaged some communities in Qubodiyon, Jilikul, Khuroson, Vaksh and Hamadony districts in Khatlon province and Hoit administrative center of the Rasht valley of Tajikistan. According to the rapid assessment results received from the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense and the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan, 296 families (1,776 people)¹ from the above mentioned areas are severely affected as a result of heavy rains causing floods and mudslides. Most of the houses are heavily damaged and rendered unusable. The roads, bridges, schools, agricultural fields, family plots and four schools are also affected and destroyed. The rapid assessment conducted by the Governmental Emergency Commission and the Committee for Rapid Emergency Assessment and Coordination revealed that the affected population urgently needs shelter, food, hygiene and sanitation, drinking water and household appliances.



Houses totally destroyed and the population lost their home properties in Zarkamar village. Photo: RCST Qurgantube region, Qubodiyon district

¹ The average size of a family is 6 people.

Table 1: # of people affected according to districts

Location/district	Admin. center	Villages	# of affected families	# of persons
Jilikul	20 let	Olimobod	54	324
Khuroson	Mehnatobod	Mehnatobod	26	156
Vaksh	Vahdat Istikololiat Kirov	Navbuned Bagara Shankhay	85	510
Qubadyon	Zarkamar	Zarkamar	61	366
Hamadony	Mehntobod	Tugul/Mehrvar	67	402
Rasht	Hoyt	Hoyt	3	18
Total			296	1,776

Summary of the current response

Overview of the Host National Society

The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan has deployed some 8 National Disaster Response Team members and 20 Local Disaster Committee members to provide first aid, to conduct rapid assessment and assist the Committee of Emergency Situations (CoES) in the evacuation of people to safer places. The RC staff and volunteers are active in all four affected areas. By this time 20 family sets with non-food items have been transported and distributed by the Red Crescent Society's Qurgantube branch for the most affected families in Zarkamar village (table 2). 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.



Non-food items distribution in a CoES-erected tent camp in Zarkamar village. Photo: RCST Qurgantube region

Table 2 # of non-food items distributed in Zarkamar village in Qubodyion district Kurgantube region

Item	Matresses	Quilts	Blankets	Cooking sets	Bed linen	Hygiene kits	Buckets	Water cans 20 ltr	Gas stoves	Spades	Hoes
Pieces/sets	120	120	120	20	120	20	40	40	5	40	40

The distribution was conducted on the basis of a situation assessment and the beneficiary criteria agreed with the local authorities, beneficiary representatives, CoES and other responding agencies.

Overview of non-RCRC actors in country

A governmental Emergency Commission led by the Khatlon province CoES chairpersons is on the disaster area. The local branches of the CoES, units of the Ministry of Interior, and the medical centres are being mobilized to conduct rescue operations, as well as to provide evacuation to safe places. 50 tents have been provided for this purpose, and some have been evacuated to schools, mosques or their relatives' homes in nearby villages.

In each affected district, the Tajik Government is mobilizing its structures to rehabilitate the damaged infrastructure (cleaning roads and ditches, restoring electricity lines, providing clean drinking water) within their capacity, and

together with the private sector they are organizing drinking water and hot food from neighbouring villages for distribution among the affected families.

The UN WFP office located in Khatlon province participated in the governmental Emergency Commission situation assessments in the planning stage to provide food to the affected people.

Needs analysis, beneficiary selection, risk assessment and scenario planning

The joint assessment is going on in all the affected areas, and it is agreed that the further distributions for the additional households will be focused also on those families whose houses are heavily damaged and who lost their properties, as well as the most vulnerable families with many children and also families headed by women as breadwinners. The humanitarian priorities include food, non-food items, support in debris clearing and sanitation/hygiene.

In most of the houses, either totally destroyed or full of mud, the population lost their home properties and urgently need to be provided with mattresses, pillows, bed linen sets, blankets, hygiene kits, plastic buckets, water cans, shovels and hoes. Food stocks and food storage facilities were damaged (covered with mud) or lost in most houses. 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 their 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. In most households, the latrines and toilets are covered by mud or have been 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.

Selection of beneficiaries

The direct beneficiaries include elderly people, women and children as they are part of the most-at-risk groups when a disaster strikes. More specifically, the direct beneficiaries within the local populations have been identified according to their levels of vulnerability in coping with the disaster. Such factors considered in their selection include the socio-economic status of the beneficiaries prioritized as most-at-risk.

Priority will be given to female-headed households, and the large family size is another criterion for consideration. A further target group is families most affected by the floods and landslides that are displaced from their homes.

The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan will assess the needs of the affected population jointly with the authorities and the beneficiaries' 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 Secretariat's Country Representation in Tajikistan will support the RCST technically and financially during the whole project, from the planning to the final reporting.

In total, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan is targeting 127 families (762 people).

B. Operational strategy and plan

Overall objective

The resilience of the affected population in most three affected districts is increased to cope with the consequences of the floods through provision of food and non-food items.

Proposed strategy

The DREF operation will be an immediate emergency response to the needs of the affected population to ensure food and non-food provision to 127 families (762 people) targeted, and also the replenishment of 20 family sets that have already been distributed from the Red Crescent's warehouse.

All the affected people will be provided with public awareness-raising materials on hygiene promotion.

Table 3: Contents of a non-food family set

Type	Item	Quantity per family
bedding	mattress	1 piece
bedding	bed linen	1 piece
bedding	quilt	1 piece
personal hygiene	towels	5 pieces
personal hygiene	soap	6 pieces
personal hygiene	tooth paste	2 pieces
personal hygiene	tooth brush	6 pieces
personal hygiene	washing powder	500 gr/1 pack

personal hygiene	disinfection powder	500 gr/1 pack
personal hygiene	liquid soap	1 liter
personal hygiene	shampoo	1 piece
personal hygiene	toilet paper	6 rolls
personal hygiene	laundry soap	4 pieces
personal hygiene	plastic bag	1 piece

Table 4: Contents of a kitchen set and various household items

Type	Item	Quantity per family
cooking set	eight-liter pot	1 piece
cooking set	ladle	1 piece
cooking set	scoop	1 piece
cooking set	kitchen knife	1 piece
tableware	large plates	5 pieces
tableware	small plates	5 pieces
tableware	spoons	5 pieces
tableware	forks	5 pieces
tableware	teacups	5 pieces
miscellaneous	water can	1 piece
miscellaneous	bucket	1 piece
miscellaneous	shovel	1 piece
miscellaneous	hoe	1 piece

Table 5: Complementary food parcel for one family

Item	Vegetable oil	Sugar	Rice	Tea-leaves (green)	Macaroni	Salt iodized
Quantity	2 litres	5 kg	5 kg	250 gram pack (2 packs)	(2 kg)	(1 kg)

In the first phase of the response, 20 families were provided with non-food items by RCST from its stock during the first hours of the response operations, and those 20 family packs will be replenished in the framework of the current operation.

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

- Completion of detailed assessments and completion of the beneficiaries` lists according to the criteria agreed with the local authorities;
- Procurement and transportation of food and non-food items to distribution sites;
- Relief distributions to the targeted population;
- Monitoring of activities and observations.

Operational support services

Human resources

In total 28 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

Relief items to be procured locally, transported and distributed to the affected population. The procurement, transport and prepositioning of the stocks will be conducted in accordance with IFRC procedures and rules and according the local legislation.

Information technology (IT)

The National Society`s HQ will maintain regular communication with its Khatlon province region and affected 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.

Planning, monitoring, evaluation, & reporting (PMER)

The RCST and the IFRC Secretariat's Country Representation in Tajikistan will monitor the whole project implementation. The IFRC Secretariat 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 Secretariat will publish a final report after the completion of the operation.

To identify the impact and accuracy of the implemented activities, a beneficiary satisfaction survey will be conducted as part of the monitoring, evaluation activities and for the further improvement of emergency response operations.

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 19 August 2015; a final report will be made available three months after the end of the operation, by 19 November 2015.

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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Water, sanitation and hygiene promotion

Needs analysis The population's toilets, latrines 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.

Population to be reached Under this operation, 296 families (1,776 people) will be provided with public awareness-raising materials to promote good hygiene practices in the wider affected community.

Outcome 1: Improving the hygienic situation of the affected communities													
Output 1.1: Output 1.2: Hygienic practices are promoted through dissemination of informational materials among 1,776 people													
Activities planned	Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Develop informational materials promoting hygiene safety		■	■										
Disseminate informational materials among the targeted population		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Outcome 2: Improving the hygienic situation of the affected communities													
Output 1.1: Output 2.2: Hygiene kits will distributed to 127 affected 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 items to beneficiaries.				■	■	■	■	■					
Control supply movements from point of dispatch to end user.			■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Monitor the relief activities and provide reporting on relief distributions.							■	■	■	■	■		

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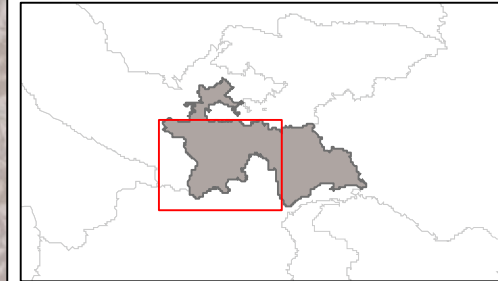
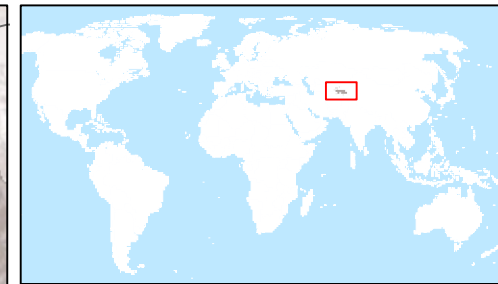
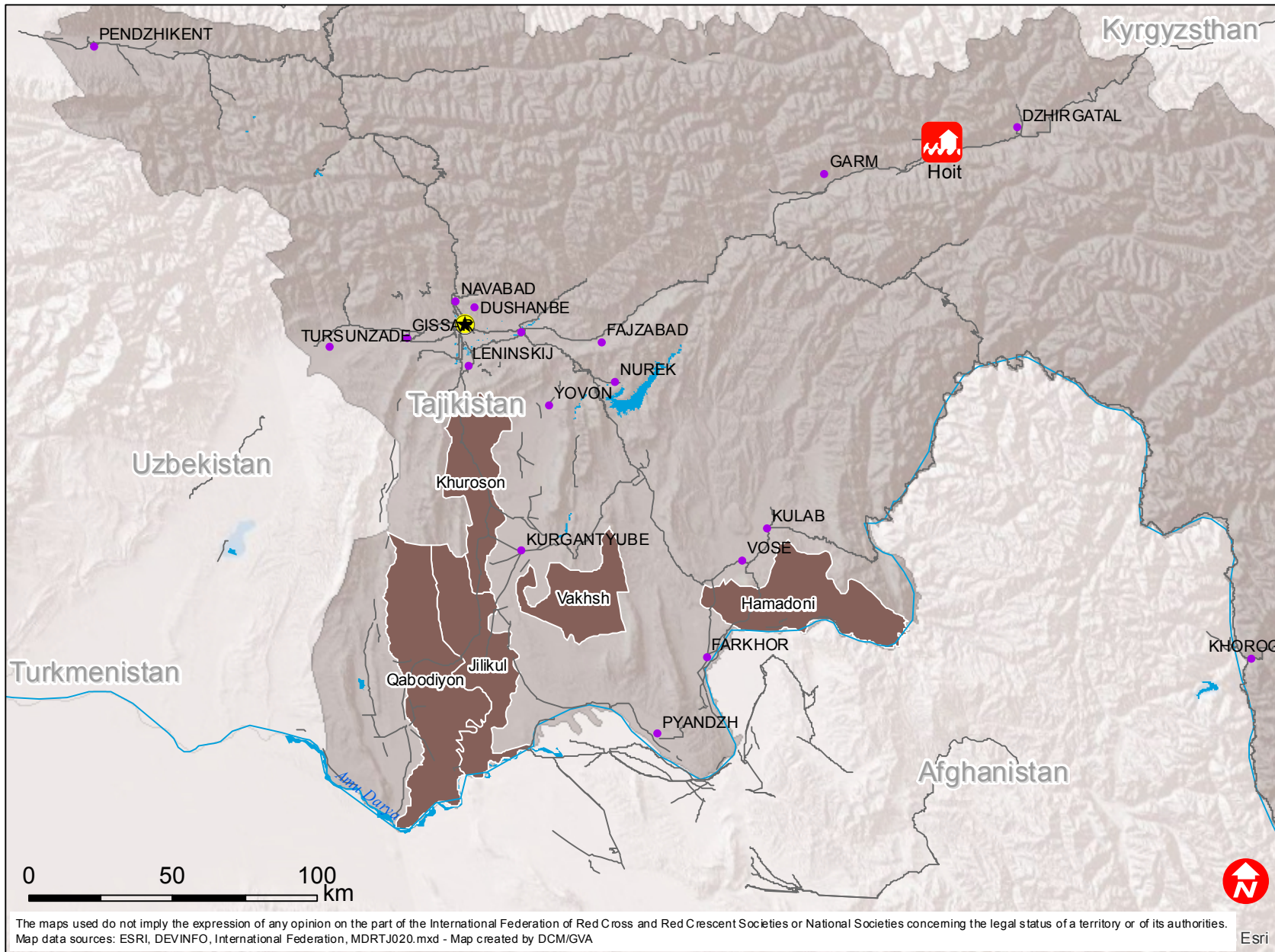
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Budget Group	DREF Grant Budget CHF
Shelter - Relief	
Shelter - Transitional	
Construction - Housing	
Construction - Facilities	
Construction - Materials	
Clothing & Textiles	39,925
Food	3,749
Seeds & Plants	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	3,213
Medical & First Aid	10,013
Teaching Materials	
Utensils & Tools	
Other Supplies & Services	
Cash Disbursements	
Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES	56,899
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	3,700
Transport & Vehicle Costs	4,300
Logistics Services	
Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE	8,000
International Staff	
National Staff	
National Society Staff	2,800
Volunteers	3,401
Total PERSONNEL	6,201
Consultants	
Professional Fees	
Total CONSULTANTS & PROFESSIONAL FEES	0
Workshops & Training	2,000
Total WORKSHOP & TRAINING	2,000
Travel	850
Information & Public Relations	2,009
Office Costs	
Communications	450
Financial Charges	
Other General Expenses	
Shared Office and Services Costs	
Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES	3,309
Partner National Societies	
Other Partners (NGOs, UN, other)	
Total TRANSFER TO PARTNERS	0
Programme and Supplementary Services Recovery	4,967
Total INDIRECT COSTS	4,967
TOTAL BUDGET	81,376



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 Affected district

