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Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA)

Tajikistan: Floods



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DREF Operation	Operation n° MDRTJ021 Glide n° FL-2015-000067-TJK
Date of issue: 17 June 2015	Date of disaster: 7-8 June 2015
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Operation start date: 9 June 2015	Expected timeframe: 17 June – 17 September 2015 (3 months)
Overall operation budget: CHF 67,001	
Number of people affected: 615 families (3,075) people)	Number of people to be assisted: 130 families (650 people), out of which 114 families will be provided with non-food items. In addition, 16 family sets of already distributed non-food items will be replenished.
Host National Society presence: The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan (RCST) deployed 3 National Disaster Response Team members, as well as 17 Local Disaster Committee members. Three staff of the local branches supported by the RCST HQ.	
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners actively involved in the operation: IFRC Secretariat's Country Representation in Tajikistan and the German Red Cross's Central Asia Regional Representation	
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: Government of Tajikistan, local authorities and UN agencies	

A. Situation analysis

Description of the disaster

As a result of heavy rains and strong winds on 7-8 June 2015 in the northern part of Tajikistan, floods and mudslides hit the population of three districts of Sughd province. According to the feedback and reports received from the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan's (RCST) response teams and Governmental Emergency Committee sources, up to 615 families (3,075 people) were directly affected: in 572 families in J. Rasulov district, one family in Isfara district and 42 families in Ainy district.

The affected population's houses were partially or totally damaged and they lost their food stocks and home properties as well. Storage buildings, stocks for cooking/heating (e.g. firewood), cooking utensils and bedding/clothes of the most affected households were destroyed or lost.



Joint rapid assessment in J. Rasulov administrative centre, Gulkhona village. Photo: RCST

The infrastructure was also heavily damaged including one school, seven kilometres of paved roads, six bridges, and 340 hectares of planted fields. The electricity cables and water pipes have been also ruined, and the population was left without a regular supply of drinking water.

The neighbouring unaffected villages are trying to help by bringing some food for the affected population.

Table 1 - Breakdown of the affected population by districts, administrative centres and villages

District	Administrative centre	Number of affected families
J.Rasulov district	Gulkhona	200
	Somoniyon	103
	Gulakandoz	25
	Dehmoi	153
	Hayoti Nav	72
	Shahrak	19
Isfara district	Chorkuh	1
Ayni district	Veshkand	42
Total		615

Summary of the current response

Overview of Host National Society

The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan received a formal letter from the officials of Sughd province requesting the National Society to provide assistance to the affected population. The major fields of the necessary support were the provision of non-food items and first aid, support in the evacuation and also in giving a helping hand to the affected families in cleaning the mud from their homes.

In total, the RCST's Sughd province branch deployed their 23 staff and volunteers, including three members of the RCST National Disaster Response Team, 17 Local Disaster Committee members, the Disaster Management Officer for Sughd province and three district branch staff. 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 to schools, mosques and neighbouring villages.

Currently, a first aid point is set up in J. Rasulov administrative centre. 70 households have been supported during the evacuation, and 16 households have received non-food items including bedding, kitchen properties, water cans, and hygiene kits. The Local Disaster Management Committee (LDMC) members are providing support to the Government in the distribution of drinking water.

The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan is working closely with the Governmental Emergency Commission and the UN agencies – REACT partners, to provide relief assistance to the most affected and most vulnerable households. At the same time, the RCST is coordinating its activities with the IFRC Secretariat's Country Representation in Tajikistan, which is providing technical and financial support in carrying out the planned operation.

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

Current operation(s)

The National Society has always been on the forefront of responses to natural disasters. Earlier this year, prolonged torrential rains caused a number of floods and mudslides in May 2015 in a different region of Tajikistan, damaging some communities in Qubodiyon, Jilikul, Khuroson, Vaksh and Hamadony districts in Khatlon province and Hoit administrative center of the Rasht valley of Tajikistan. A DREF operation has been launched (MDRTJ020), which is still ongoing and is expected to be completed by 19 August 2015.

Overview of Red Cross Red Crescent Movement in country

The IFRC Secretariat's Country Representation in Tajikistan has supported the Red Crescent of Tajikistan during the response operations also with the elaboration of the Emergency Plan of Action. It has also provided technical advice regarding procurement and transportations, tools and standards, and provided support to the National Society in conducting beneficiary satisfaction survey, monitoring and reporting.

The German Red Cross's Central Asia Representation located in Tajikistan has provided fuel to support the transportation of drinking water to the affected people.

The IFRC Secretariat and the RCST participated in detailed assessment conducted by the REACT (Rapid Assessment and Coordination Team) Rapid Response Team.

Overview of non-RCRC actors in country

The local branches of the Committee of Emergency Situations (CoES) and medical centres were mobilized to conduct search and rescue activities, evacuation and mud cleaning as well as to provide food and non-food items to the affected people. The local government has evacuated the people to safe places, mostly to schools, mosques, and homes of friends and relatives in other villages. The local authorities also provided support in debris removal (in particular, on roads leading to the affected communities).

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

REACT – Sughd province established assessment team consisting of the representatives of CoES, RCST, WFP, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Acted and Mercy Corps to conduct detailed assessment in all three affected districts.

Table 2: Number of already distributed non-food items in J. Rasulov district

Item	Matresses	Pillows	Blankets	Kitchen sets	Bed linen	Hygiene kits	Buckets	Water cans 20 ltr.	Spades	Hoes
Pieces/sets	64	64	64	16	64	16	32	32	32	32

Needs analysis, beneficiary selection, risk assessment and scenario planning

The humanitarian priorities include food and non-food items, support in debris removal and sanitation/hygiene promotion. According to the distribution of roles and based upon the request by the local authorities and in agreement with the CoES headquarters, the RCST will focus on addressing the non-food needs and the promotion of hygiene awareness of the 130 most affected families. The food and potable water will be provided by the local Government and other responding agencies located in Sughd province.

The affected population does not have adequate hygiene supplies (e.g. soap, tooth paste/brushes, etc.). The population also needs kitchen and bedding sets. Therefore, an urgent need occurred to raise the population's awareness of the first signs of water-borne diseases to immediately get medical help in case of need, as the affected families would focus on cleaning and rehabilitation of their houses and belongings. Support is also required for debris and 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 and/or social stressor effects. Assessment and preventive actions, such as psychological first aid and professional psychosocial support, based on individual needs, would help to prevent long-lasting health problems.

In total, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan is targeting 114 families to be provided with non-food items including beddings, hygiene kits, kitchen sets, water cans, baskets, shovels and hoes. Besides that, 16 already distributed family sets with non-food items will be replenished in the framework of this operation.

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 and lost their home properties.
- Families who have lost their property and belongings.

B. Operational strategy and plan

Overall objective

The vulnerability of 130 flood-affected families (650 people) is reduced through the provision of basic household items.

Besides that, the targeted 130 affected families will be covered with water and sanitation promotional materials containing useful information about sanitation to raise their hygiene awareness. 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 Secretariat's 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 address the needs of the targeted 130 families to ensure emergency shelter, hygiene items and sanitation urgently required by them. 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;
- 114 targeted families will be provided with relief non-food items including mattresses, bed linen sets, blankets, pillows, plastic buckets, kitchen sets, shovels, and hoes.
- Improving the hygiene situation by distributing hygiene kits, water cans, and water and sanitation promotion materials to 114 targeted families.
- Replenishment of the 16 already distributed family sets of non-food items and hygiene kits.

Table 3 - Contents of a hygiene kit

Item	Quantity per family
towel	5 pieces
soap	6 pieces
tooth paste	2 pieces
tooth brush	6 pieces
washing powder	500 gr/1 pack
disinfection powder	500 gr/1 pack
liquid soap	1 litre
shampoo	1 piece
toilet paper	6 rolls
laundry soap	4 pieces
plastic bag	1 piece

Table 4 - Contents of a kitchen set

Item	Quantity per family
eight-litre pot	1 piece
ladle	1 piece
scoop	1 piece
kitchen knife	1 piece
large plate	5 pieces
small plate	5 pieces
spoon	5 pieces
fork	5 pieces
teacup	5 pieces

Table 5 - Contents of a non-food item family set

Item	Quantity per family
mattress	4 pieces
bed linen	4 pieces
blanket	4 pieces
water can	1 piece
basket	1 piece
shovel	1 piece
hoe	1 piece

Operational support services

Human resources

Some 23 trained and experienced staff and volunteers of the RCST will be deployed to implement this operation and deliver the assistance needed by the affected population. The deployed volunteers will be covered by insurance while participating in the response operations. 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

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 rules and procedures.

Information technology (IT)

The National Society's HQ will maintain regular communication with its branch in Sughd province and all affected RC 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 Communications Officer in the IFRC Secretariat's Country Representation in Tajikistan will be actively involved in the communications works.

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 Secretariat on the general progress 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 Secretariat's Country Representation and other partners.

This operation is expected to be implemented over three months, and will therefore be completed by 17 September 2015; a final report will be made available three months after the end of the operation, by 17 December 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 Secretariat will ensure that the financial resources management shall take place according to IFRC standards and the DREF guidelines.

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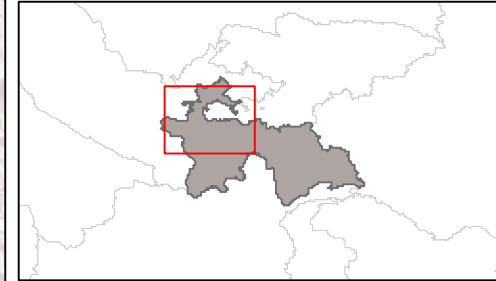
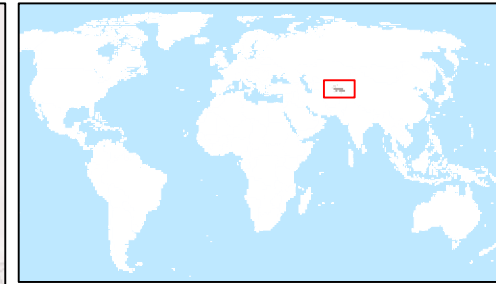
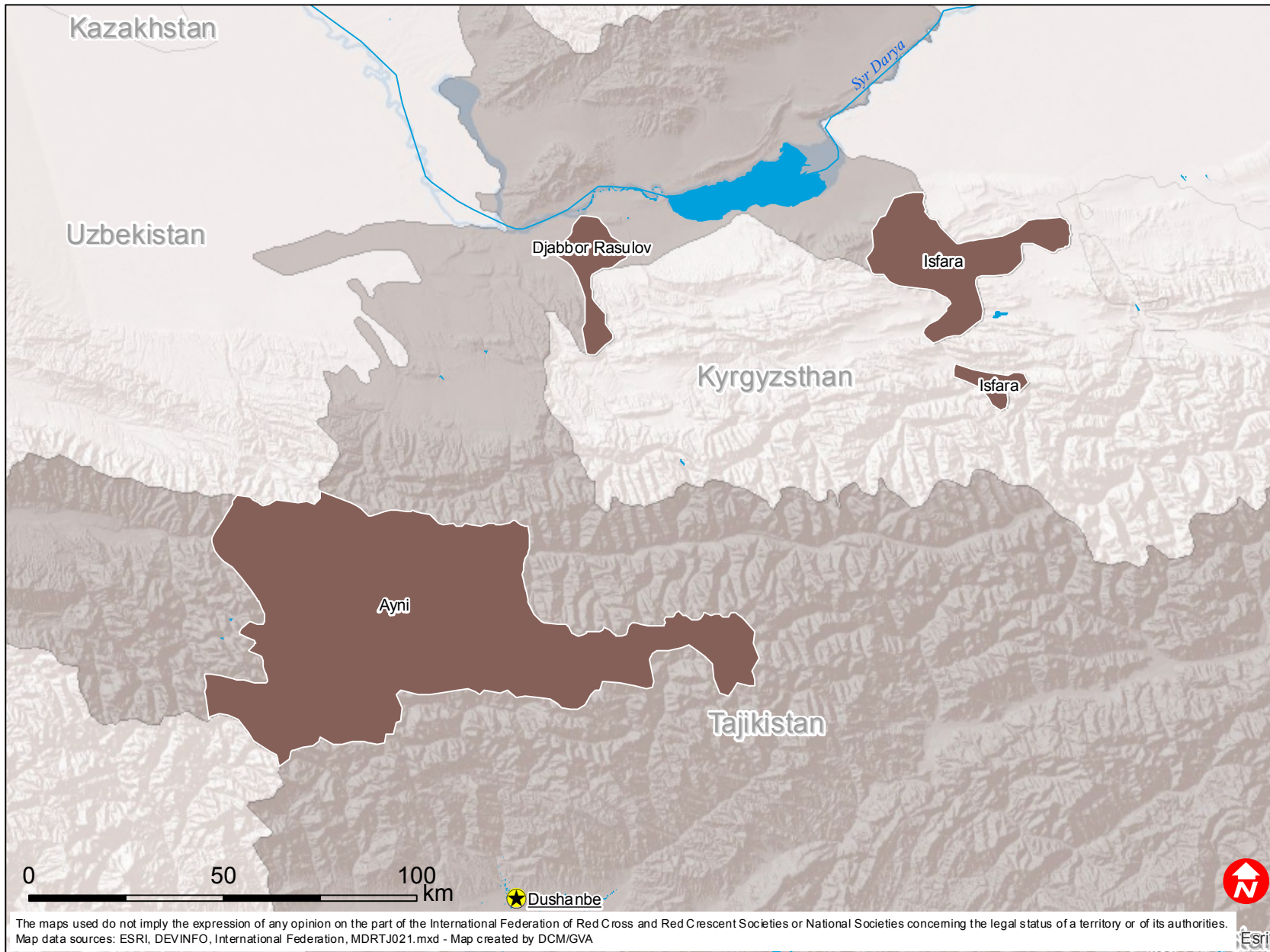
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Budget Group	DREF Grant Budget CHF
Shelter - Relief	
Shelter - Transitional	
Construction - Housing	
Construction - Facilities	
Construction - Materials	
Clothing & Textiles	35,308
Food	
Seeds & Plants	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	3,289
Medical & First Aid	
Teaching Materials	
Utensils & Tools	10,249
Other Supplies & Services	
Cash Disbursements	
Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES	48,846
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	2,000
Transport & Vehicle Costs	3,000
Logistics Services	
Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE	5,000
International Staff	
National Staff	
National Society Staff	2,800
Volunteers	2,650
Total PERSONNEL	5,450
Consultants	
Professional Fees	
Total CONSULTANTS & PROFESSIONAL FEES	0
Workshops & Training	1,500
Total WORKSHOP & TRAINING	1,500
Travel	1,250
Information & Public Relations	416
Office Costs	
Communications	450
Financial Charges	
Other General Expenses	
Shared Office and Services Costs	
Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES	2,116
Partner National Societies	
Other Partners (NGOs, UN, other)	
Total TRANSFER TO PARTNERS	0
Programme and Supplementary Services Recovery	4,089
Total INDIRECT COSTS	4,089
TOTAL BUDGET	67,001



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Affected districts

