

#### Floods in Kulyab and Neighboring Districts, Khatlon Province

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### **Situation Overview**

As reported in Sitrep #1, flooding on 7 May 2010 affected a number of communities in eastern Khatlon Province. Assessments are on-going and the latest information is summarized below. Although the Charmgaron area of Kulob City appears to be the worst affected (16 confirmed deaths), physical damage to homes and other infrastructure has been reported from a number of other parts of province, including 6 deaths in Shurobod District.

The Government of Tajikistan has activated the State Commission on Emergency Situations and has established an Operations Centre in the Kulob Hukumat building. Local REACT members are actively involved in the work of the Commission. Relief operations and recovery planning are underway. Recovery plans for the Charmgaron area include the relocation of households from areas most at risk of future flooding. A tent camp is being established at the Kulob Stadium to house up to 400 families displaced by the flooding in the city. Tents and non-food items are being provided by Red Crescent, UN and Mission East, with food and other relief coming from public and private sector sources.

National REACT is planning to meet on 12 May, at 14:00 at the UN Conference Hall (39 Aini Street, Dushanbe). REACT Rapid Response Team is planned to be deployed on 12 May for rapid damage and needs assessment.

#### **Summary Information by District**

#### Kulob City

Flooding on the morning of 7 May 2010 mainly affected the Charmgaron area of the city (see map on last page). There are 16 officially confirmed fatalities and 40 persons are still reported missing, with 85 injured persons hospitalized, of whom 3 who are critical.

Preliminary assessments indicate 2,000 persons (300 households) are fully damaged in the worst affected area in Charmgaron, but this data is subject to change. A full damage assessment is being carried out by the Emergency Commission, with results expected by evening of 11 May 2010.





The Government of Tajikistan has mobilized heavy machinery to restore the Tebalay mudflow channel and re-direct flood waters away from inhabited areas in worst affected areas. Roads inside the affected community are being cleaned from rubble in some sections and leveled in others, to ensure better access. The evacuation of household belongings continues with assistance from local authorities.

Many of the affected are being hosted by their relatives and neighbors. Technical School # 32 and Pedagogical College dormitories have been made available to house

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the displaced, with over 500 affected transported to these facilities in buses provided by state transport services. The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan (RSCT) and the Committee of Emergency Situations (CoES) have set up a small (40 tent) shelter site next to the Kulob Bus Station, adjacent to the affected area. (Site residents will be provided with household kits.)

Government authorities have decided to open a tent camp at the Kulob Stadium to provide accommodation and basic services for the displaced (see map on last page of report). At this moment a total of 184 of a planned 400 ten person tents have been erected in the stadium. The tents are being provided from the UN Emergency Reserve Tajikistan (UNERT) and all the



tents are expected to be erected by the end of day, 11 May 2010. Tent occupants will be provided with set of non-food items including bedding, kitchen utensils, hygiene kits and additional items on the basis of 5 persons per tent. Initial plans are that non-food times will be provided by Mission East (100 sets), UNERT (100 sets) and RCST (50 sets) with additional sets of NFIs to be secured.

A site management committee has been established by the Government with involvement of REACT members. The committee will cover the provision of food, shelter, security and safety, water, sanitation and hygiene, medical care and other basic services.

Food items provided are being used for baking bread in the main bread making plant of Kulob town and for food preparation in private restaurants. Baked bread and cooked food for the affected population and other individuals involved in response operations is served in local canteen "Badakhshon". The distribution of the non-food assistance will start immediately once the list of the affected population is completed.

#### **Shurobod District**

Initial reports from the CoES district office indicate 6 deaths due to flooding. Other reported damage includes the road to Sarichashma and other bridges, preventing access to this jamoat (specific details are not available). Damage to a main bridge on the Dushanbe - Kulob - Khorog road is limiting access to this district from the west.

#### Vose District

Heavy rainfall of May 7, 2010 led to flooding affecting approximately 600 households in Pakhtakor, Michurin, Tugarak and Guliston Jamoats. These jamoats were also affected by flooding on 11-12 April 2010. Preliminary reports from the CoES district office indicate the flooding completely destroyed 35



houses and damaged another 65 as well as other private and public infrastructure. CoES has allocated 5,000 liters of fuel to assist local populations in cleaning activities.

#### Muminabad District

The heavy rains of May 7, 2010 caused flooding in numerous villages in the district. Preliminary data from the CoES district office indicate 22 houses fully destroyed and another 24 houses damaged. In addition, seven bridges providing primary access between the villages and other districts have been destroyed. Caritas Luxemburg has provided fuel for machinery (bulldozers, crane, trucks, etc.) to support population in cleaning the villages from mud and

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stone and repairing river banks and dikes. Further, the approach to a major bridge on the road connecting Dushanbe and with Khorog via Kulob was washed away by the 7 May floods cutting access to Khorog. Works are underway to re-establish this vital road connection.

#### Kulob District

Jamoat Dahana is reported to have been heavily affected by floods on 7 May. Damage and needs assessment is ongoing. One school building is reported to have been washed away. The approach to a major bridge on the road connecting Kulob with Khovaling was washed away limiting access to the district.

#### Temurmalik District

All flood victims are reported by the CoES district office to have been evacuated with locally initiated clean-up activities underway. Initial reports indicate that the flooding damaged roads and bridges as well as four schools.

### Baljuvon District

Initial CoES district office reports indicate 10 housed destroyed, 17 housed damaged and 34 km of roads damaged due to flooding and mud flows. The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan has provided two tents and a medical point has been established.

#### **Damage Overview**

The following table covers only damage caused by flooding on 7 May 2010 as provided by CoES on 9 May 2010.

Description	Unit	Kulyab	Vose	Muminobod	Shurobod	Temurmalik	Baljuvon
Loss of life	persons	16			6		
House, destroyed	structure	~257	35	22	43	16	10
House, damaged	structure	~172	65	24	~129	22	17
Agricultural land, damaged	hectare	~3,800	120 1		820		
Livestock, dead	head	~1100	78	98	192	280	
Schools and pre-schools, damaged	building	8					
Bridges, damaged	structure	10	2	7	14	3	
Roads, damaged	km	94	17	6.3	8	8	34
River bank protection, damaged or destroyed	km	70	300				
Electricity supply lines	km	19	3			6	
Water pipeline, damaged	meter		180				
Transformer, damaged	unit		2	1		2	
Water pump station	pump					1	



# **Needs Information**

Updated information on needs is currently being correlated and will be provide in Situation Report 3.

# **Assistance Provided**

Information as of 9 May 2010 from the CoES on assistance delivered is provided below.

	Assistance Provided	Unit	Assisting Agency								
Type of Assistance				Government of Tajikistan		Individual Donation	ACTED	SCF	UNERT	Mission East	
FOOD AID		•	•				•		•	•	
High protein biscuits	0	box									
Buckwheat	2,000	kg			2,000						
Pearl Barley	3,500	kg		500	3,000						
Bread	4,100	pcs		1,200	2,700	200					
Tea	608	kg		24	480	104					
Potato	11,700	kg		1,700	5,000	5,000					
Onion	11,600	kg		1,600	5,000	5,000					
Carrot	800	kg		400		400					
Macaroni	9,675	kg		1,975	3,200	4,500					
Oil	14,064	liter		10,670	880	2,514					
Rice	10,900	kg		10,000	200	700					
Sugar	15,100	kg		12,550	1,300	1,250					
Wheat Flour	95,350	kg		40,850	19,000	35,500					
Pea	16	kg		16							
NFI/SHELTER		•	•							•	
Bed linen	523	set	240					23	260		
Blankets	1,559	pcs	240	20	261	155		23	260	600	
First aid kits	0	pcs									
Clothes (Adult, Men)	540	set		305	35					200	
Clothes (Adult, women)	300	set			100					200	
Clothes (Child)	1,780	set		600	1000	180					
Matches	90	box		90							
Shovel	140	pcs	40							100	
Pickaxe	140	pcs	40							100	
Hammer	100	pcs								100	
Axe	100	pcs								100	
Kitchen sets	172	set	40	35	45				52		

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Carpet	75	pcs		34	41					
Mattress	1,339	pcs	240	84	232			23	260	500
Pillow	675	pcs	240	106	46			23	260	
Sock	0	pcs								
Shoe (pair)	1,756	pairs		54	1000	102				600
Construction tools	540	sets	40							500
Candles	1,000	packs								1000
Tarpaulin	384	pcs	80						104	200
Thermos	105	pcs						105		
Towel	1,574	pcs			1000			210	364	
Tents (4x4 meters)	240	pcs	40						200	
WASH		•	•			•	•		•	•
Buckets (steel)	252	pcs							52	200
Buckets (Plastic)	384	pcs	80						104	200
Hygiene sets	297	box	40					105	52	100
Jerry cans - 10L	304	pcs					200		104	
Jerry cans - 20L	192	pcs	40						52	100
Soap	4,282	pcs		1508		18	1000	630	726	400
Basin	157	pcs		5					52	100
Water tank (1500 Lt)	2	pcs					2			
Water purification tablets	1,000	pcs					1000			

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