

**Floods in Kulyab City and Surrounding Districts, Khatlon Province**GLIDE Number: [FL-2010-000087-TJK](http://www.untj.org/?c=7&id=318)Situation Report № 8 - 20 May 2010

This report is based on information provided by REACT Kulob, the GoT and media sources.  
Past reports and additional information can be found at <http://www.untj.org/?c=7&id=318>.

**Situation Overview**

The Government has laid out plans for the resettlement of flood displaced in Kulob and has requested support from international organizations through REACT Kulob.

An appeal has been launched by the Government of Tajikistan and the humanitarian community in Tajikistan for assistance to the flood-affected populations in east Khatlon Province. The appeal, totaling US\$5.3 million, will provide relief and early recovery assistance to over 20,000 persons affected by flooding in Kulob City as well as the neighboring districts of Baljuvon, Khovaling, Kulyab, Muminabad, Shurabad, Temurmalik and Vose. Details on the appeal are available on the UNTJ web site: <http://www.untj.org/?c=7&id=318>

**Damage and Needs Information**

Outstanding needs reported include:

- Baby potties for the 300 kids in tent camps (though UNDP Staff Association has purchased 200 pcs which will be delivered tomorrow, Friday, May 21st);
- The kindergarten should be supported with two doctors;
- Additional support in form of volunteers has been requested by REACT Kulob to help with the resettlement from the tent camps, once new land plots are allocated;
- Toilets and showers in the new land plots are still not installed, while government is already making plans to relocated affected population in the nearest future.

**Humanitarian Response****Relief and Recovery Operations (outside Kulob City)**

Save the Children with supporting of WFP will make food distribution in affected district. WFP has provided Save the Children with the following commodities for affected people in Muminobod, Shurobod and Kulob Districts:

1. Flour: 141 MT
2. Vegetable Oil: 5.175 MT
3. Peas: 14.1 MT
4. Salt: 1.88 MT

**Flood-Displace in Kulob City**

On the night of 17 May (Monday) a 1.8 year old child passed away in Camp #2. During the floods the child stayed in the water for 2 hours and developed a pulmonary edema. While the child was initially hospitalized, he had been well for the last days and joined his family in the camp.

***WASH:***

Social mobilizes from OXFAM conducted one day training on hygiene for the women from the camp in the school close to the camp.

***Education and Protection:***

The Education Department has been assigned the task of establishing a summer camp for the children from flood affected families.

***Food Security:***

No new information.

***Health:***

The second round of polio vaccination is started.

***Shelter***

The following table provides the latest numbers in terms of the number of persons, families and tents in the camps located at the Kulob sports stadium.

Location	Number of Tents	Number of Family	Number of People	Avg person per family	Avg person per tent
Camp # 1	251	446	2,292	5.14	9.13
Camp # 2	281	400	2,291	5.73	8.15
Camp # 3	107	160	859	5.37	8.03
Technical College	1 college building	17	79	4.65	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>1,023</b>	<b>5,521</b>	<b>5.40</b>	<b>8.64</b>

Reports indicate that families are changing tents daily in Camps 2 and 3, making it hard to establish exact numbers of families and persons present. As a result, it is unclear if the overall need for tents in the camps has been met, or whether persons are leaving the camps for other accommodations.

### Resettlement Update

See Annex 2 for latest information on resettlement.

The Kulob Hukumat has allocated 120 hectares for 1,052 flood affected households (approximately 5,000 persons). (See map below in Annex 1). Families from the tent camp will begin to be relocated to the new site in the coming days. The water and sanitation, food, health, electricity power supply and security requirements for the site should be addressed before the relocation begins. The Government has requested support for the relocation from international organizations through REACT Kulob.



Local population preparing the new land plot

Water is major problem at the new site. A water pump station exists near the new site but is not in working condition. "Vodokanal" has been ordered to finish repairing of the station in two days. Plans also call for water to be supplied by water tankers, but the Vodokanal has indicated that there are lack of water tankers and water reservoirs.

It was mentioned that a waste disposal tip exists uphill from the new site. The Mayor of Kulob reported that the tip would be "preserved".

Food will be provided to those relocated to the new site from a centralized kitchen. This will later be replaced with distribution of food to each family resident in the new site. REACT meeting participants suggested that WFP support the relocated households with food.

On 17 May 2010, AsiaPlus reported that construction had started on 97 houses at the new site with a total of 498 houses planned to be built for an equal number of flood affected families. Land for an additional 500 houses will be provided to flood affected who do not receive already-build homes. Each house is expected to cost between \$US 22,800 and \$US 25,000. It was reported that the City of Dushanbe will construct 150 houses, Khatlon Province 140 hours and Sughd Province an additional 40 houses.

### Relief and Recovery Assistance

Additional assistance provided on 18 May 2010 to camp residents and flood affected in other districts:

UNICEF through ACTED:

1. Biscuits: 200 packs
2. Plump nuts: 20 packs
3. Kitchen Items: 7 sets
4. Jerry Cans (10L): 200

FOCUS through OXFAM:

1. Mattresses: 200
2. Blankets: 200
3. Jerry Cans (5L): 200

See above for food aid provide by WFP.

Further information on assistance provided in response to the east Khatlon floods can be found at <http://www.untj.org/?c=7&id=318>.

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**Annex 1: Resettlement locations**



**Annex 2**

Summary of Meeting on 20 May 2010  
with Government on Relocation of Flood-affected Populations

**Participants:** Abdulloev H, Mayor of Kulob city; General H. Latipov; Representatives from the Government Departments; Representatives from the International Organizations; Heads of Jamoats and Villages; Representatives of the flood-affected people.

**Issues discussed:**

- Assessment and identification of the affected households;
- Allocating new land for the affected people;
- Resettlement the people from the camp to the new land.

**1. Assessment and identification of the affected households.**

According to calculations, monitoring and discussions with the community, the assessment by the special commission was not complete. Many houses were not properly checked and there were many missing in calculation of level of damage. The special commission will assess the affected villages again, with a detailed assessment due in 10 days.

An estimated 162 families (tents) which are in the camp are not in the list of affected people, which means they are in the camp illegally.

**2. Land for the affected people.**

The distribution of land at the new site will take place through a lottery starting at 0800 on 21 May 2010. All house owners affected by the floods should participate in the lottery.

The lottery procedure is as follows:

1. Each house owner will take the card with the number of a parcel in the new site.
2. The person's name and number will be documented.
3. The person will receive the certificate for the parcel which should not be given to someone else.

The first stage of the lottery will be for those families who lost family members (8 families /13 deaths). The second stage will be for people whose houses were completely and partially destroyed.

The houses will be built just for those who's houses were destroyed.

Where there are two or three families who lived in one house, the one family will be provided a house and the other families will be provided land on which they are to build their own house.

All houses will have the same basic structure, but those who receive the houses can make changes to the insides of the building. Houses will be built in one straight line with wide streets.

**3. Resettlement the people from the camp to the new land**

CoES has been assigned to provide each family with transport for the move to the new site. Tents will also be installed at the new site and steps will be taken to ensure there are no problems with sanitation or water. Initially, people will not have electricity, the power will be provided just for the workers for the construction of the houses but at the night time the projectors will provide the light to the community. In terms of the cooking the food each family will receive gas with 2 "gasbags"

#### 4. Additional Questions

Question 1 If the Government provides all affected people with land and houses why you are dividing them to the criteria such as 50% affected; 100% affected and destroyed supplementary facilities?

Answer:

All the affected people will be provided with compensation, and these criteria will help for the calculations.

Question 2

We have families who do not want to move to the new place and want to build their houses on the same place. Is it possible to do it?

Answer

All the houses which are on the risk zone will be moved to the new site contrary to their wishes.

Question 3

During the floods many affected people lost their documents, passports, driving license and etc. Right now we do not know to whom we can apply and to solve this problem.

Answer

It is very important issue; we will discuss it and solve this problem.