

RAPID EMERGENCY ASSESSMENT AND COORDINATION TEAM (REACT)

Floods/Mudflows in Tajikistan: 1 – June 2019

Flash update No. 2 (as of 7 June 2019)



Highlights

- Continuous heavy rains resulted in additional mudflows and floods countrywide. As of 7 June, mudflows killed at least 4 persons (Khuroson, Penjikent and Pyanj)
- Same locations in districts of Farkhor and Vose affected by mudflows on 2 June, were repeatedly hit by mudflow on 6 June 2019.
- Around 650 evacuated families returned to their houses, while another 150 families from Farkhor district remain evacuated in safe locations.
- Government commenced relief operations in all the affected districts and calls for assistance from in-country humanitarian partners.
- Up to date, Government confirms structural damages to around 300 houses, however figures will increase by completion of all the assessments.



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According to the State Hydrometeorological Services, steady weather and precipitations will continue on June 8 – 9, 2019 and risk of floods, mudflows and stone-falls will remain.

6,000

Estimated people in need of assistance

1,000

Households potentially affected

150

Households remain evacuated

Situation Overview

Heavy rains throughout the country during the period of 4 – 6 June 2019 have triggered additional mudflows and floods in districts of Rudaki, Vose, Farkhor, Temurmaliq, Pyanj, Fayzobod, Isfara and Penjikent:

- Mudflow in Penjikent district on June 4 killed two persons in village Ruzi Obnok, Jamoat Yori of Panjakent district.
- Flooding in Rudaki district on June 5, 2019 damaged around 80 houses. Inhabitants of the flooded houses were evacuated to safe locations and currently returned to their houses. As the flood was triggered by the on-going construction works on Dushanbe- Bokhtar automobile road, responsible construction company took the responsibility to compensate all the damages and losses to affected population.

- Repeated mudflow in districts of Vose and Farkhor affected over 300 households. 150 houses in Farkhor district remain flooded. Inhabitants of flooded houses remain evacuated at safe locations. Another 7 houses in Vose district remain in emergency state.



Affected family in Panjakent district. 4 June 2019
Photo credit: RCST

While Farkhor remain to be the most affected district, where there is a significant humanitarian need in many sectors, other districts where the mudflows and floods have occurred resulted in damages to some households, roads, bridges, local agriculture and livelihoods.

Government-led damage and needs assessment continue in all the affected districts and being compiled by the Committee of Emergency Situations. As of 7 June, total number of residential houses with structural damages caused by mudflows and floods (June 1 – 7) stands at 345 houses, out of which 3 are destroyed, 23 are partially damaged and another 7 remain in emergency state. Number of destroyed and heavily damaged houses may increase, once flood liquidation operation in Farkhor district will be

completed. Predominantly, mudflows and floods damaged the kitchen gardens and auxiliary premises of the residential houses, damaging and destroying assets and stocks of population (livestock, food, water supply systems, latrines, non-food items and etc), leading to humanitarian needs of population. Therefore, number of people in need is comparably higher than figures on damages.

Currently relief operation is fully carried out by Government, through local authorities of affected districts., Committee of Emergency Situations calls to scale-up the delivery of assistance and requests in-country humanitarian partners for support. Chairman of the Committee of Emergency Situations (co-chair of REACT) invited a meeting on June 7 with several REACT partners to provide update on the situation and presented the outstanding needs.

Damage Information

Below is the overview of damage caused by mudflows (information is provided by the Committee of Emergency Situations):

#	Affected area (district)	Destroyed houses	Partially damaged houses	Slightly damaged houses	Houses in emergency state	Damages to auxiliary	Kitchen gardens	Other infrastructure
1	Konibodom	2	9	61	-	-	-	
2	Isfara	-	5	61	-	-	4	10 ha of cropland; 50m of railroads;
3	B.Gafurov	-	-	-	-	-	2	
4	Vose	-	-	-	7	-	171	
5	Khuroson	-	9	182	-	88	274	7 water pumps; 2 medical points; 630 ha of cropland;
6	Rudaki	-	-	8	-	10	80	
7	Panjakent	1	-	-	-	-	-	
8	Temurmaliq	-	-	2	-	-	1	
9	Farkhor	-	-	-	-	8	48 (150)	
10	Pyanj	1	-	-	-	-	103	
	TOTAL	4	23	312	7	106	683 (833)	

Response

- Debris removal and recovery of essential infrastructure is on-going by local authorities and population.
- Assessment of damage and needs is on-going by the District Commissions on Emergency Situations.

- Sughd provincial authorities, local authorities of Kanibadam and Isfara districts, as well as Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan provided relief assistance (food aid and non-food items) to the affected population in Kanibadam and Isfara district.
- Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan and UNICEF Tajikistan stand ready to provide Non-Food and WASH items to the most affected families upon confirmation of needs and official request form relevant authorities.

REACT Secretariat will soon be compiling a matrix of ongoing and planned response (Government and REACT) to ensure coherent and coordinated relief assistance and avoid potential gaps and duplications in response.

Humanitarian needs

- According to the Committee of Emergency Situations, affected population of Farkhor (150 families), Vose (171 families), Khuroson (274 families), Pyanj (103 families), Konibodom (111 families) and Isfara (66 families) are in need of relief assistance, including:
 - o Food aid;
 - o Kitchen sets;
 - o Hygiene kits;
 - o Bedding sets;
 - o Water purification tablets.
- Diesel fuel (30 MT) and water pump machines to support affected population move faster with cleaning of debris/contaminated mud from households and avoid any water-borne diseases.Fuel
- Livelihoods support to affected population to generate income.

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