

# DREF operation update



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## Tajikistan: Floods

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The International Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) is a source of un-earmarked money created by the Federation in 1985 to ensure that immediate financial support is available for Red Cross and Red Crescent emergency response. The DREF is a vital part of the International Federation's disaster response system and increases the ability of National Societies to respond to disasters.

**Period covered by this update:** 15 April to 13 August 2010.

**Summary:** CHF 107,849 (USD 101,810 or EUR 74,826) has been allocated from the International Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 15 April 2010 to support the National Society in delivering immediate assistance to some 120 families (720 people) and to replenish emergency stocks.

On 11 April 2010, 18 villages in eight districts of the country had been affected by floods occurred as a result of heavy rains. In total 319 houses (with 1,914 inhabitants) have been damaged, out of which 5 houses were totally destroyed and two people were killed by the floods. In addition, 4 schools, 9 bridges, and 5 km of internal roads have been damaged and 10 heads of livestock died. The detailed assessment conducted some days after the floods by Rapid Emergency Assessment and Coordination Team resulted in an increase of the affected households.

Over the reporting period the National Society assisted 120 households (720 people) through the distribution of basic non-food items to help them cope with the consequences of the disaster. Out of 120 households some 25 mostly affected households were provided with temporary shelter (family tents). Government has allocated land plot for 23 displaced households in Vose district and started construction of new houses, the other two households rehabilitated their premises from their own means. Up to date 12 households have received new houses. According to the officials the construction of remained 11 houses will be properly completed and handed over to the families by 23 August 2010.

This operation is expected to be implemented over four months, and will therefore be completed by 15 August; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by 15 November 2010).

ECHO contributed CHF 72,066 and Italian Government contributed CHF 35,904 to the DREF in replenishment of the allocation made for this operation. The DREF allocation is already replenished by 100 percent.



**Loading and transportation of non-food items for disaster affected people in Vose district.**  
Photo: Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan

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## The situation

As a result of heavy rains on 11 April 2010, floods occurred and affected 18 villages in Vose, Shurobod, Muminobod, Vakhsh, Kulob (Khatlon province), Istaravshan (Sughd province), Fayzobod and Varzob districts (Direct Rule Districts). According to the information provided by the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense (CoES) 20 out of 58 districts in Tajikistan were hit by small scale floods and mudflows triggered by heavy rains since 9 April. East Khatlon was subjected to the largest number of emergencies, with Vose district being the mostly damaged part of the country.

People from the affected areas have been evacuated by joint efforts of the CoES search and rescue divisions, the Red Crescent national disaster response team (NDRT), local population and fire services. The affected people were temporarily hosted by relatives and neighbours.

A detailed assessment conducted by the Committee of Emergency Situations, Rapid Emergency Assessment and Coordination Team (REACT) partners and the Tajikistan Red Crescent regional branches showed that the number of households affected by the disaster in Khatlon province is 623, some 76 houses were totally destroyed, 279 houses partly damaged, two people were killed by the floods. In addition, 4 schools, 9 bridges, and 5 kilometres of internal roads have been damaged and 10 heads of livestock died.

On 13 April, Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued an appeal to support affected people. On 14 April 2010, The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan launched DREF Information bulletin to respond to this appeal and to address the humanitarian needs of affected population. *For more information refer to <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/rpts10/Tajikistan-InformationBulletin%20April%202010.pdf>*

## Coordination and partnerships

In order to respond timely and effectively to the arising needs of the affected population, an operational point was established in Pakhtakor jamoat of Vose district by CoES of Kulob district.

In April 2010, two coordination meetings initiated by the CoES of Kulob district were conducted together with representatives of the Red Crescent Kulob branch, UN WFP, UNDP and INGO Oxfam, local government chairman, local authorities and the head of Pakhtakor jamoat in Vose district. Based on the results of the coordination meeting the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan has been requested to be a leading agency on providing non-food items, rendering first aid and psychosocial support to affected people.

During the whole implementation of the operation, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan (RCST) was closely coordinating its activities with the local government, authorities as well as REACT partners for smooth running of the operations.

The overall responsibility for the coordination of the response activities was under the leadership of REACT. The REACT website, [www.untj.org](http://www.untj.org), was used as a tool for information exchange, communication and monitoring of the response.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Red Crescent volunteers and members of the national disaster response team have been deployed within 12 hours of the disaster to conduct rapid needs assessment in all affected areas. Preliminary assessments were carried out in close cooperation with the government authorities, CoES and REACT partners.

On 12 April 2010, two tents were set up in the affected area where Red Crescent Society volunteers and NDRT members started rendering first aid and psychosocial support to affected people. During the response some 50 people received first aid and 126 received psychosocial support.

Over the reporting period, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan has participated in 4 coordination meetings with the government authorities and other actors to jointly plan the response activities.

## Progress towards objectives

### Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

**Objective: 120 most affected families (720 beneficiaries) are provided with basic non-food items to help them cope with the consequences of the floods.**

**Activities planned:**

- Prepare lists of beneficiaries together with local authorities.
- Conduct monitoring of beneficiary lists.
- Procure selected items and store in the warehouse.
- Support the National Society technically and financially in logistics, warehousing, distribution and control supply movements from point of dispatch to end user.
- Monitor the relief activities and provide reporting on relief distributions.
- As part of the monitoring and evaluation activities, conduct a survey among the people reached to find out what they felt about the goods and services they received.

**Progress:**

Needs assessment was conducted in close cooperation with local authorities, CoES representatives and Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan NDRT team members. The beneficiary lists were prepared according to criteria previously agreed with local authorities and responding agencies that priority should be given to mostly affected and socially vulnerable families.

Up to date all distribution activities have been properly completed in all targeted districts.

**Items distributed to 120 most affected households**

District	Number of people affected	Tents	Tarpaulins	Blankets (pcs)	Bed-linen	Mattresses	Pillows (pcs)	Shovels (pcs)	Hoes (pcs)	Water cans	Buckets	Cooking sets	Hygiene kits
Vose	420	15	70	420	420	420	420	140	140	140	140	70	70
Shurobod	120	9	20	120	120	120	120	40	40	40	40	20	20
Muminobod	60	0	10	60	60	60	60	20	20	20	20	10	10
Sarband	62	0	10	62	62	62	62	20	20	20	20	10	10
Istaravshan	58	1	10	58	58	58	58	20	20	20	20	10	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>120</b>

In July 2010, twenty volunteers of Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan have been directly involved in conducting beneficiary satisfaction survey after distribution of non-food items in Vose district. According to the results of the survey all beneficiaries were satisfied with beneficiary selection criteria, selection of distribution points, notification on distribution point and date, as well as goods received from the National Society.

The emergency stocks of the disaster management centres in the targeted districts and the central warehouse in Dushanbe have been replenished through the procurement of non-food items. Logistics support was provided by the International Federation's secretariat to procure and deliver relief items following the International Federation logistics procedures. The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan logistics department enhanced its capacity through on the job training while participating in tendering process, reception of all incoming goods and warehousing.

**Procured non-food items to replenish the emergency stocks**

Tents	Tarpaulins (pcs)	Blankets (pcs)	Bed-linen (sets)	Mattresses (pcs)	Pillows (pcs)	Shovels (pcs)	Hoes (pcs)	Water cans (pcs)	Buckets (pcs)	Cooking sets	Hygiene kits
25	120	720	720	720	720	240	240	240	240	120	120

## How we work

All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations \(NGO's\) in Disaster Relief](#) and the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

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The International Federation's work is guided by [Strategy 2020](#) which puts forward three strategic aims:

1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
2. Enable healthy and safe living.
3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.

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