



TAJIKISTAN: FLOODS AND MUDFLOWS

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In Brief

Period covered by this Final Report: 19 April to 19 May, 2007.

History of this Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF)-funded operation:

- CHF 85,115 (USD 69,996 or EUR 52,540) allocated from the Federations DREF on 19 April, 2007 to respond to the needs of this operation and to replenish disaster preparedness stocks distributed to the affected population.
- This operation was expected to be implemented in one month, and completed by 19 May, 2007. In line with Federation reporting standards, the DREF Bulletin Final Report (narrative and financial) was due 90 days after the end of the operation (by 19 August, 2007).

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- Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.
- Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.
- Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.
- Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.

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Background and Summary

As a result of heavy rainfall, which hit the eastern part of Tajikistan from 16 to 18 April 2007, a total of five districts were affected. The flooding caused severe damage to public and private buildings as well as bridges, roads, dikes and dams, disrupted water supply systems and activated landslides. In a number of places, the public infrastructure was destroyed or seriously damaged. Infrastructure in the regions was already poor, and many residential buildings have been severely damaged also. In addition, arable land and crops were destroyed, basements and gardens flooded and most of the cattle drowned. The most seriously affected regions were Rudaky, Tursunzade, Varzob and Vahdat districts (RRS) and Panjakent district of Sughd oblast. The population from a number of affected villages had to be relocated due to fears for their safety. Most families whose houses were damaged or destroyed had found temporary shelter with relatives, friends or neighbours. The situation assessments conducted by the international agencies and a national emergency commission indicated that in total one person died and 17,184 people from 46 villages were directly affected by these floods. In addition, 2,089 houses were damaged (out of which more than 209 were completely destroyed), 1,880 houses partly damaged and many people lost their food stock and home properties.

Coordination

The Committee of Emergency Situation and Civil Defense of Tajikistan, Military forces and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) coordinated actions in response to the disaster through the Rapid Emergency Assessment and Coordination Team (REACT) and other disaster response partners. From the beginning of the alert, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan (RCST) and the International Federation Tajikistan Delegation were in daily contact with the Governmental Emergency Commission. The district branches of the RCST were also critical in monitoring developments in the communities where they work. Urgent action was taken by governmental institutions and NGOs to decrease the impact of the flooding.

The RCST played an important role as a valuable partner of the government in this difficult situation and coordinated its efforts with national and local authorities and NGOs including the national society branches in affected areas and other organizations such as United Nations Disaster Risk Management Project (UNDRMP), World Food Programme (WFP), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), CARE International etc. Information from the affected regions was collected, processed, analyzed and shared on an ongoing basis during the emergency response phase.

The Committee of the Emergency Situations of Tajikistan continues to rehabilitate the electricity system, destroyed roads and bridges. The Committee has also organized the transport of drinking water to the affected population.

Local authorities of Vahdat district allocated 300 bags of wheat flour, 300 liters of vegetable oil and shoes for the beneficiaries.

CARE Tajikistan supplied the most affected households with construction tools such as 33 axes, 66 plastic buckets (10ltr), 33 buckets (12ltr), 33 water cans, 165 gloves, 33 hammers, 33 hoes, 165 nails, 33 pick axes, 33 saws, 63 shovels and 33 wheel barrows, and other required items to assist the villagers to rebuild their households.

UNICEF provided 300 water purification tablets, 50 plastic buckets, 50 bed linen for adults and 50 bed linen for children.

WFP distributed 8,880 kg of wheat flour, 666 liters of vegetable oil, and 111 kg of salt to the families who lost their food stock.

Analysis of the operation – achievements and impact

The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan is part of the National Emergency Commission and REACT. The district branches of the Red Crescent Society maintained daily contact with relevant authorities and the Committee of Emergency Situation district branches, in order to monitor the situation and implement their response activities.



Distribution of non-food items to the floods affected population in Guliston village

The RCST branch representatives are the members of the Local Emergency Commissions for response to disasters and took part in all coordination meetings related to the floods. Immediate response was organized in all affected districts by the RCST branches. This was done by mobilizing Disaster Response Teams, Local Disaster Committees, staff and volunteers; implementing the situation assessment and providing emergency relief according to the needs of the affected population (from its own disaster reserves); and by activities implemented with allocated funds from the Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF). CHF 85,115 was released from the Federation's DREF on 19 April 2007. The DREF funds were utilized for the procurement of non-food items, transportation of the stocks to affected districts, and replenishment of the disaster preparedness (DP) stock in Dushanbe city central warehouse and Panjakent DP

center warehouse. All items purchased met the needs of affected population and they were according to the budget lines of the proposal (600 plastic sheeting, 900 sets of bed linen, 900 mattresses, 900 pillows, 300 hygiene kits, 300 cooking sets, 900 quilts, 1,500 plastic buckets, 1,500 water cans (10 ltr) and 30 bibs with the RCST logo). The relief items were delivered to the affected districts and local distribution of the items was completed by RCST branch volunteers, staff and DRT members. RCST branches organized distribution to the beneficiaries in their regions in cooperation with the local authorities - social services and local representatives of the Committee of Emergency situation.

The most vulnerable were selected based on the criteria agreed with local authorities and community leaders;

- Vulnerable families whose houses were totally destroyed and lost their house properties,
- Vulnerable people whose houses were partly damaged and lost their home properties.

All beneficiaries were registered during the situation assessment and distributions.

The following non-food items were distributed by RCST DRT to the victims of the floods from RCST DP stock and DREF funds:

Districts	Tents	Mattresses	Quilts	Shovels	Hoes	Kitchen sets	Blankets (wool)	Bedding	Pillows	Buckets	Water cans	Hygiene kits	S/H clothe	Shoes	W/P tablets	Soap	Plastic sheets
Rudaky	0	46	400	50	0	96	117	174	46	100	363	39	150	170	32,000	78	39
Tursunzade	0	0	50	30	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0
Varzob	1	8	17	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vahdat	0	52	350	0	0	25	0	52	52	100	200	0	0	0	16,000	200	52
Panjakent	0	50	200	80	50	40	0	50	50	100	0	50	90	88	350	0	0
Total	1	156	1,017	160	50	177	117	276	148	300	563	89	250	258	48,350	278	91

The project was monitored through field visits. The monitoring results done by RCST headquarters and the International Federation showed that the DREF enabled the national society to adequately respond to the needs of the affected population. The Red Crescent achieved the objective to provide relief to people in need. Since the beginning of the floods, the RCST is working with partners to support the people affected by the floods.

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The national society presented information about RCST response activities in regular REACT meetings. Several press releases and articles about the operation were published in local press and the International Federation webpage.

Constraints

General lack of disaster awareness and preparedness of communities living in the affected areas was the main constraint faced during the operation.

Lessons learned

During implementation of the project, the RCST once more faced the need to raise the disaster response capacity of the local branches and communities living in disaster prone areas through risk reduction measures. This was the second DREF allocation during 2006-2007 for RCST and put into practice the lessons learnt from the first application, including the assessment phase and developing of the proposal. The RCST should pay more attention and focus on a program for communities' response capacity building in disaster management to enable them to be strengthened in this field.

Financial Information

CHF 85,115 (USD 69,996 or EUR 52,540) was allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to respond to the needs in this operation and to replenish disaster preparedness stocks distributed to the affected population. However, as the amount of CHF 81,701 was enough to implement the planned activities, the remaining CHF 3,414 was returned to DREF.

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Final Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2007/1-2007/6
Budget Timeframe	2007/1-2007/6
Appeal	mdrtj002
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
A. Budget		85,115				85,115
B. Opening Balance		0				0
Income						
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>DREF Allocations</i>		81,701				81,701
C6. Other Income		81,701				81,701
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)		81,701				81,701
D. Total Funding = B + C		81,701				81,701

II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance		0				0
C. Income		81,701				81,701
E. Expenditure		-81,701				-81,701
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)		0				0

III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation		
A		B					A - B	
BUDGET (C)		85,115					85,115	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	7,200		7,191			7,191	9	
Clothing & textiles	33,110		32,284			32,284	826	
Utensils & Tools	30,150		30,016			30,016	134	
Other Supplies & Services	4,200		4,189			4,189	11	
Total Supplies	74,660		73,680			73,680	980	
Transport & Storage								
Transport & Vehicle Costs	2,662		1,292			1,292	1,371	
Total Transport & Storage	2,662		1,292			1,292	1,371	
Personnel Expenditures								
National Society Staff	2,260		1,419			1,419	841	
Total Personnel Expenditures	2,260		1,419			1,419	841	
Program Support								
Program Support	5,532		5,311			5,311	222	
Total Program Support	5,532		5,311			5,311	222	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	85,115		81,701			81,701	3,414	
VARIANCE (C - D)			3,414			3,414		