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The Situation

After reports of a day of heavy rains on 23 March, 2002 which caused damage and destruction in four villages in the Vose district of the southern region of Kulyab (Pitomnic, Chorbog, Zamburobod and Kuchabo) a joint Rapid Emergency Assessment and Co-ordination Team (REACT), composed of the representatives of the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan (RCST), the International Federation's delegation and OCHA, visited the location of the disaster and assessed the situation. The assessment showed that a total of 80 houses had been completely destroyed, and 130 houses partly damaged. The local authorities reported an increase in the number of patients with acute respiratory infections, and some 80 people who were infected by flu in recent days. Since the disaster occurred, the water level has receded considerably and the nearest, 6 km long accessible road to the affected villages, has been repaired again.

Red Cross and Red Crescent Action

The International Federation and the RCST have been actively involved in delivering assistance to the affected area. In addition to the emergency items distributed on the first day of the disaster, a complementary supply of 200 mattresses and 200 blankets were provided. Furthermore, the national society is planning to organize a medical point staffed by a nurse to provide first aid and other minor medical support. Close monitoring of the response to this disaster will continue in cooperation with OCHA UN.

For a full description of the National Society profile, see www.ifrc.org

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