

# DREF operation



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## Tajikistan: Mudslide

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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 response to emergencies. 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.

**CHF 157,347 (USD 135,547 or EUR 103,676) has been allocated from the International Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the National Society in delivering immediate assistance to some 750 people and to replenish emergency stocks. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.**

**Summary:** As a result of heavy rains for over a week, on 21 April at 8 pm local time, a mudslide affected 300 households, or some 1,500 people. One person was killed (a seven year old boy) in Khuroson district, jamoat Ayni, 18<sup>th</sup> Hizb village in Khatlon province, Kurgantube region.

To address the current situation, the International Federation together with the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan is planning to support 150 families, or 750 people with basic non-food items, including tents for 35 families, 300 plastic sheeting, 750 mattresses, 750 blankets, 750 bed-linen sets, 750 pillows, 300 hygiene kits, 150 cooking sets, 300 water cans, 300 buckets, 300 hoes, 300 shovels and 150 construction tool sets.

This operation is expected to be implemented over three months, and will therefore be completed by 23 July 2009; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by 23 October 2009).

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Houses buried under mudslide in jamoat Ayni, 18<sup>th</sup> Hizb village in Khuroson district. Photo: International Federation

## The situation

As a result of heavy rains for over a week, on 21 April at 8 pm local time, a mud-flow affected 300 households, or around 1,500 people and killed a seven year old boy in Khuroson district, jamoat Ayni, 18<sup>th</sup> Hizb village in Khatlon province, Kurgantube region.

The disaster site is located 30 km from Kurgantube city and 75 km from the capital city of Dushanbe.

According to the joint preliminary assessment of the State Committee of Emergency Situations (CoES), the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan and the Rapid Emergency Assessment and Coordination Team (REACT), 37 houses were completely destroyed (mud-flooded) and 33 houses heavily damaged. Out of the total 1,000 households (5,000 people) in the affected village some 300 households or 1,500 people lost their home properties, food reserves and livestock.

The situation is still evolving since the mud is still moving and damaging the houses; the irrigation canal passing through already affected villages is threatening to damage more houses.

## Coordination and partnerships

The International Federation, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan and other REACT members working in Tajikistan, namely WFP, WHO, UNICEF and UNDP carried out a rapid assessment in the disaster affected area.

The first coordination meeting was held by the CoES on 22 April at 11:00 am where all agencies shared the information they gathered and their proposed response plans. The preliminary division of labour looks as follows:

The CoES's subdivisions are setting up a camp, evacuating people and cleaning roads. WFP is providing food items to the affected population. UNICEF is providing water purification tablets, high-protein biscuits and peanut oil, while UNDP is providing water reservoirs. The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan with support from the International Federation will provide shelter and non-food items to the affected population.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Red Crescent Society's regional disaster response team in Kurgantube together with the local disaster committee (LDC) of Ainy jamoat has carried out the initial situation assessment, rendered first aid and helped to evacuate the affected population to safer places. On 22 April, early in the morning the team comprising the Red Crescent Society's disaster response coordinator and the International Federation's disaster management/ water and sanitation officer in Tajikistan joined the team working at the disaster site.

Based on the preliminary needs assessment, the following items were already distributed from the Red Crescent disaster preparedness stock in Kurgantube: 102 blankets, 80 bed-linen sets, 65 kitchen sets, 36 shovels, 36 hoes, 210 buckets, and 29 plastic sheeting. At the same time, the Red Crescent Society has already allocated the following items from the disaster preparedness stock of the central warehouse: 648 blankets, 670 bed-linen sets, 235 kitchen sets, 264 shovels, 264 hoes, 210 buckets, 271 plastic sheeting, 300 hygiene kits and 35 tents. All these allocated items are planned to be replenished by the DREF. Additionally, 28 Red Crescent volunteers involved in the response operation will be also provided with incentives such as transport and per diem costs, and vests with the National Society's logo.

## The needs

The preliminary assessment revealed 150 households as the most vulnerable and the most in need of support. They are the ones most affected, whose houses were completely destroyed or heavily damaged by the mudslide, including the loss of home properties and livestock.

To address the current situation, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan with support from the International Federation will support the most affected 150 families, or 750 people with basic non-food items, including tents for 35 families, 300 plastic sheeting, 750 mattresses, 750 blankets, 750 bed-linen sets, 750 pillows, 300 hygiene kits, 150 cooking sets, 300 water cans, 300 buckets, 300 hoes, 300 shovels and 150 construction tool sets.

## The proposed operation

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

**Objective: 150 households (750 people) are provided with basic non-food items to help them cope with the consequences of the mudslide.**

The actual needs and the target groups were identified based on the results of the rapid assessment.

**Activities planned:**

- Conduct detailed emergency needs and capacity assessments.
- Develop beneficiary targeting strategy and registration system to deliver intended assistance.
- Prepare the lists of beneficiaries together with the local administration and in accordance with the Red Crescent's assessment.
- Procure and deliver relief supplies to the respective Red Crescent branch.
- Distribute relief supplies and control supply movements from the point of dispatch to the end users.
- Monitor and evaluate the relief activities and report on the 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.

Items to be distributed*													
Family tents	Plastic sheeting	Blankets	Bed –linen sets	Mattresses	Pillows	Cooking sets	Hygiene kits	Kitchen sets	Shovels	Hoes	Water cans	Buckets	Construction tool ses
35	300	750	750	750	750	150	300	150	300	300	300	300	150

\*The items listed in the table include the family tents and construction materials provided under the emergency shelter objective.

**Emergency shelter**

**Objective: 35 most affected households (175 people) out of 150 households are provided with family tents and 150 households with construction tools to help them cope with the consequences of the mudslide, and preserve their human dignity.**

**Activities planned:**

- Procure and deliver family tents and construction tools through the respective Red Crescent branch.
- Distribute relief supplies and control supply movements from the point of dispatch to the end users.
- Monitor and evaluate the activities through field visits and report on the distribution.

**Public awareness and hygiene promotion**

**Objective: The affected population and the population of surrounding villages (some 3,000 households in total) are provided with basic disaster awareness and hygiene promotion information materials.**

**Activities planned:**

- Reprint and deliver disaster awareness and hygiene promotion materials to the Red Crescent branch.
- Organize public awareness campaigns among the village population.
- Monitor and evaluate the impact of the conducted activities.

## Budget

<b>RELIEF NEEDS</b>	<b>113,773</b>
Shelter	21,750
Clothing & Textiles	34,425
Utensils & Tools	30,900
Other Supplies & Services	26,698
<b>TRANSPORT, STORAGE &amp; VEHICLES</b>	<b>13,845</b>
Storage - Warehouse	600
Distribution & Monitoring	3,320
Transport & Vehicles Costs	9,925
<b>PERSONNEL</b>	<b>7,951</b>
National Society Staff	7,951
<b>GENERAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>11,550</b>
Information & Public Relations	10,600
Office running costs	950
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>147,119</b>
<b>PROGRAMME SUPPORT</b>	<b>10,228</b>
Programme Support - PSR	10,228
<b>Total Appeal Budget (Cash &amp; Kind)</b>	<b>157,347</b>
<b>Available Ressources</b>	
<b>Net Request</b>	<b>157,347</b>

## 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 \(NGOs\) in Disaster Relief](#) and is committed to the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.*

The International Federation's activities are aligned with its Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".

### Global Agenda Goals:

- 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.

## Contact information

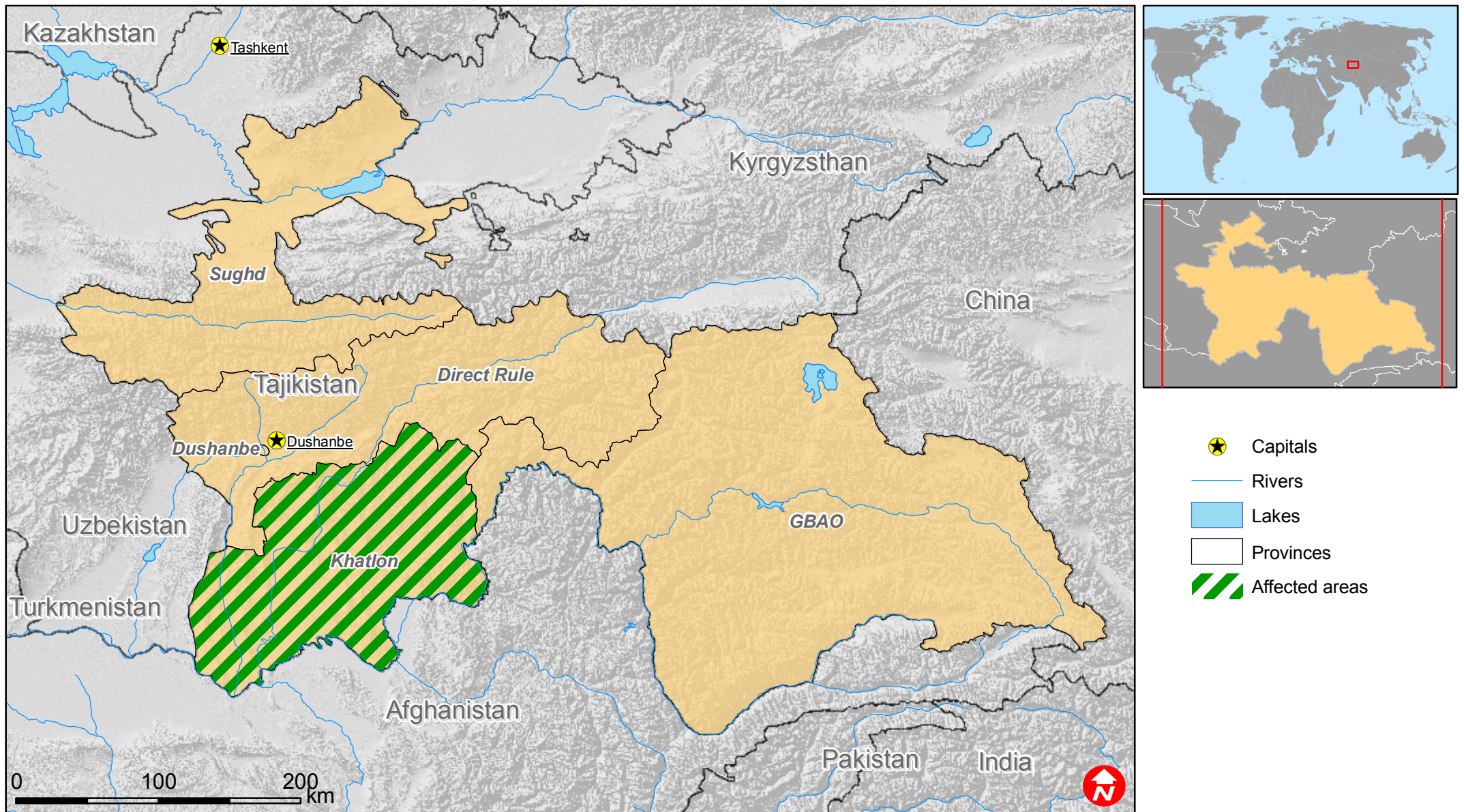
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