

DREF operation



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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 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 134,995 (USD 118,472 or EUR 89,650) has been allocated from the International Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the National Society in delivering immediate assistance to some 1,160 people and to replenish emergency stocks. Up to 10,000 people will also be reached through hygiene promotion activities. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

Summary: Heavy rainfall on 8 May resulted in floods affecting households, damaging houses, infrastructure and agricultural sectors in the Ismoly Somony district of the capital city Dushanbe; Shahrinaw district of the Directly Ruled Districts (DRD), 47 kilometres south-east from Dushanbe; and Tursunzade district of DRD, 75 km south-east from Dushanbe.

To address the current situation, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan, with support from the International Federation will support the most affected 232 households, or 1,160 people with basic non-food items, including 232 plastic sheeting, 1,160 mattresses, 1,160 blankets, 1,160 bed-linen sets, 1,160 pillows, 232 hygiene kits, 232 cooking sets, 232 water cans (20ltrs), 464 buckets, 464 hoes, and 464 shovels.

In order to enhance the disaster response activities of the Red Crescent volunteers they will be provided with vests, boots and first aid kits.

This operation is expected to be implemented over three months, and will therefore be completed by 10 July 2009; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by 10 October 2009).

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This household in Tursun-Zade district has been damaged and left without amenities and foodstock. Photo: International Federation

The situation

Heavy rainfall on 8 May resulted in floods affecting households, damaging houses, infrastructure and agricultural sectors in:

- i) Ismoily Somony district of the capital city, Dushanbe;
- ii) Shahrinau district of the Directly Ruled Districts (DRD), 47 kilometres south-east from Dushanbe;
- iii) Tursunzade district (DRD), 75 km south-east from Dushanbe.

According to the preliminary data from the State Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defence (CoES) and the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan, the Dushanbe National Disaster Response Team (NDRT) and the Red Crescent branches in respective districts, the most affected area was the district of Shahrinau, with at least 151 households (906 people) affected by the floods. Damage was also reported from Dushanbe, Ismoily Somony district where 63 houses are affected. Some 35 households (284 people) were heavily affected in the village of Kahramon, Jura Rakhmon Jamoat, Tursun-Zade district. The bodies of three dead children aged between 1 and 12 were found by the LDC team.

Humanitarian aid with non-food items was transported by the Red Crescent logistics team to the affected villages and stocked in the district administrative centres (Jamoat). Affected households are located in the neighboring houses and host families as far as the cleaning of the mud from their houses is ongoing. The electricity and water services were interrupted, roads were destroyed in the affected districts and hundreds of hectares of cultivated lands are damaged. People have lost their household goods and food stock.

Table 1: Summary of preliminary data on disaster occurred

Affected area	People	Households	Human losses	Houses
<u>Dushanbe city</u>	580	116 – partly damaged	-	89 – most affected
<u>Shahrinau</u> \ - Kizil Oktiabr village - Shurob village	906	151	-	5 – totally washed away 126 – partly
<u>Tursun-Zade</u> \ - Kahramon village	408	68	3	35 – heavily damaged
TOTAL	1,894	335	3	255

Coordination and partnerships

An operational point was set up immediately upon the call of the CoES on 8 May in Dushanbe, Shahrinau and Tursun-Zade districts. The Tajik local authorities, the Red Crescent branches with the support from the International Federation, the CoES's branches, Rapid Emergency Assessment and Coordination Team (REACT) secretariat, fire service department and Central District Hospital (CDH) are responding to the disaster by evacuating people to safer places and cleaning houses, roads, conducting needs and damage assessment, rendering first aid and providing drinking water.

The Red Crescent/International Federation, CoES, REACT secretariat information on the disaster and rapid assessment results were disseminated on 9 May. As the emergency happened during the public holidays, there was no clear picture of the proposed actions and activation of the food cluster. A REACT disaster response team conducted a multi-sectorial assessment on 11 May.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Staff and volunteers involved with disaster management of the Red Crescent headquarters, the Dushanbe city DRT, Shahrinau and Tursun-Zade LDC were deployed within hours to assess the situation, render first aid and help people take their home properties and food stock. By the morning of 9 May more than 90 people in Shahrinau district had received first aid. Seventeen families were supported there by the NDRT and LDC members, who took their property from homes and cleaning mud away.

Thirty-five families in the village of Kahramon in Tursun-Zade district, were assisted with non-food items taken from the Red Crescent central and Dushanbe city branch disaster preparedness stocks.

In all affected places the rapid needs assessment has been completed. The detailed needs assessment and registration of beneficiaries are ongoing.

The needs

The joint rapid needs assessment of the RCST and CoES team revealed the similar needs in all affected areas. These are water jerry cans; hygiene kits; bedding (mattress, blankets, pillows, bed-linen); shovels; hoes; and first aid kits. As part of the damage was to the water supply systems, there is a need to conduct hygiene promotion actions to raise the awareness levels of the affected population.

The proposed operation

The preliminary assessment revealed 232 households as the most vulnerable and most in need of support. They are the ones whose houses were completely destroyed or heavily damaged by the floods, including the loss of household goods and livestock.

To address the situation, the Red Crescent Society, with support from the International Federation, will support the most affected 232 households, or 1,160 people with basic non-food items, including 232 plastic sheeting, 1,160 mattresses, 1,160 blankets, 1,160 bed-linen sets, 1,160 pillows, 232 hygiene kits, 232 cooking sets, 232 water cans (20ltrs), 464 buckets, 464 hoes, and 464 shovels.

The above mentioned items will be distributed to beneficiaries from existing emergency stocks. It was proposed, and jointly decided with the responding agencies, to start distributing these items to people whose houses had already been cleaned from the mud and who have returned to their permanent residence.

As the mud will stay in houses for a longer time, the affected people, the RCST, NDRT and LDC members will need shovels, hoes, buckets and boots to continue cleaning the houses. The stock of the first aid kits for the Red Crescent staff and volunteers will be replenished as it became in short supply during the response operation. The visibility of the Red Crescent and the International Federation will be promoted through provision of vests with the Red Crescent /International Federation logos.

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Objective: 232 households (1,160 people) are provided with basic non-food items to help them cope with the consequences of the floods.

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.

Table 2: Items to be distributed

Items to be distributed										
Plastic sheeting	Blankets	Bed –linen sets	Mattresses	Pillows	Hygiene kits	Cooking sets	Shovels	Hoes	Water cans	Buckets
232	1160	1160	1160	1160	232	232	464	464	232	464

Public awareness and hygiene promotion

Objective: The affected population and the population of the surrounding villages (some 2,000 households in total) are provided with basic hygiene promotion information materials.

Activities planned:

- Reprint and deliver 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

<u>RELIEF NEEDS</u>	
Shelter	4,640
Clothing & Textiles	53,225
Medical & First Aid	1,440
Utensils & Tools	25,984
Other Supplies & Services	8,120
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Total Relief Needs	93,409
<u>TRANSPORT, STORAGE & VEHICLES</u>	
Storage - Warehouse	1,500
Distribution & Monitoring	6,000
Transport & Vehicles Costs	12,200
<u>PERSONNEL</u>	
National Society Staff	8,502
<u>GENERAL EXPENSES</u>	
Information & Public Relations	3,560
Communication Costs	1,050
<u>PROGRAMME SUPPORT</u>	
Programme Support - PSR	8,775
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Total Operational Needs	41,586
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Total Requested Allocation	134,995

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

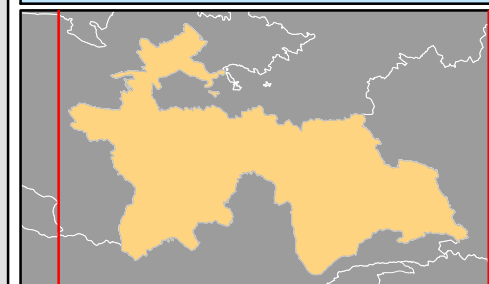
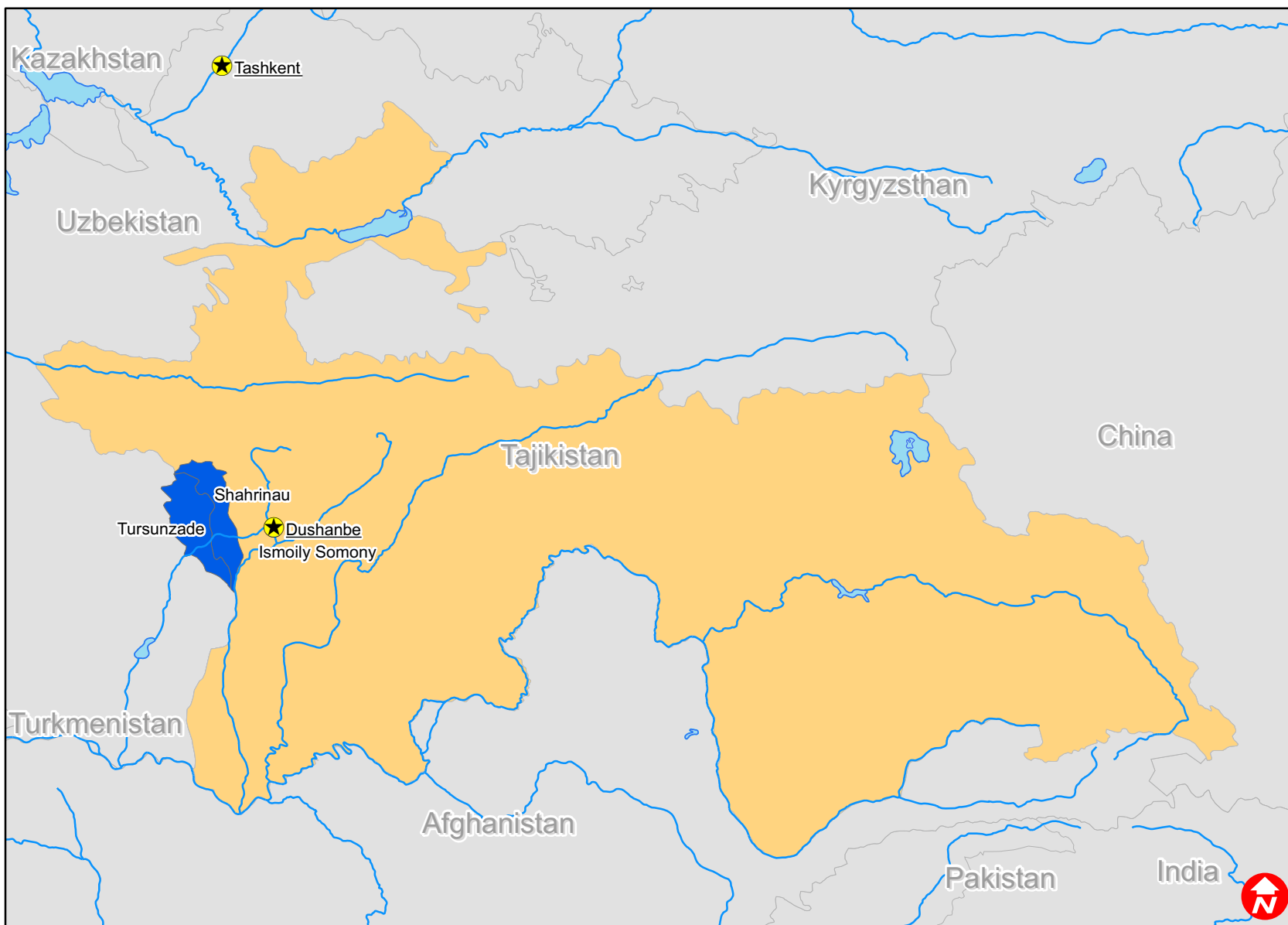
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- ★ Capitals
- Affected districts
- Rivers
- Lakes

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