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## TAJIKISTAN: FLOODS IN PANJAKENT

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### The Situation

On 8 June 2005, abundant rains in Panjakent district (Sughd Oblast) resulted in torrential floods. The population of six villages (Shing, Dahani Ob, Bodgoh, Vagashton, Gijdavra and Panjrood) was heavily affected. As a result, 345 people left without shelter, 73 houses totally destroyed and 338 houses in four villages are partly damaged. Other figures to date indicate 8 casualties and a total affected population of 2,877.

On 9-10 June 2005, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan, in coordination with the Government Emergency commission and other non-governmental organisations (NGOs), conducted an assessment in the affected areas. The result of the assessment is:

Shing village: 27 houses are totally destroyed; 221 houses are partially damaged (50% damage);  
Dahani Ob village: 2 houses are totally destroyed; 10 houses are partially damaged (50% damage);  
Bodgoh village: 3 houses are totally destroyed; 60 houses are partially damaged (50% damage);  
Vagashton village: 41 houses are totally destroyed; 107 houses are partially damaged (50%); 2 casualties (3 and 5 year old children);  
Gijdavra village: Road is blocked, so no information is available; 2 casualties (a woman and a 10 year old child);  
Panjrood village, Rudaki Jamoat: 15 houses are totally destroyed; 4 casualties reported.

During the assessment, the following needs were identified:

- Drinking water for 200 families in the temporary camp (1,200 people);
- Clothing (children and adult) for 200 families;
- Plastic sheets;
- Medicines
- Hygiene kits;
- Kitchen supplies;
- Blankets;
- Household supplies (buckets, detergent, soap, etc.);
- Mattresses;
- Bedding.

The needs of the population had been essentially met by the government and NGO response to this disaster. The Ministry of Emergency Situations provided the affected population with 101 tents, 20 MT of wheat flour, 3 MT of oil, 10 MT of sugar, 5 MT of rice and 10 MT of diesel to clean up the road to the affected villages. Local state services are mobilized in road clearing and repairing of water supply and sewerage systems.

The World Food Programme (WFP) donated 20 Mt of wheat flour and has already started immediate food distribution in some affected areas. WFP informs that food needs of all affected population will be covered shortly.

On 11 June 2005, a coordination meeting organized by the Ministry of Emergency Situations was conducted in Panjakent district. During the meeting, it was decided to evacuate the affected people to a safe place. A temporary camp will be set up in Sarazm Jamoat (Panjakent district) for 200 affected families.

## **Red Crescent action**

The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan, jointly with the Ministry of Emergency Situations and Rapid Emergency Assessment and Coordination Team (REACT) members, coordinated the activities to provide effective assistance to the suffered people. The Red Crescent Society, in its turn, has set up a first aid point and an assessment was conducted by Panjakent rayon Red Crescent branch volunteers. After the assessment, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan responded to immediate needs by setting up a temporary shelter and distributing 80 mattresses, 70 family tents, 300 woollen blankets, 80 sets of bed linen, 60 kitchen sets, 48 kerosene stoves, 50 shovels, 50 hoes and water purification tablets for 70 families.

The Red Crescent branch volunteers are continuing to conduct assessment missions in the affected areas and to apply first aid to the people.

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