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TAJIKISTAN: FLASH FLOODS

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The Situation

After torrential rains in mid-May 2005, several districts in Tajikistan were affected by floods. Torrential rains from 10 to 12 May caused flash floods in Rudaky (RRS), Murgab (GBAO), Ganchy, Istaravshan and Bobojon Gafurov (Sughd Oblast) districts. According to the Ministry of Emergencies, more than 660 houses and 12km of the roads, 200 hectares of cotton fields and other crops and bridges were washed away along with electricity pylons and telegraph poles. In the village of Kuktosh in Rudaki district over 200 homes and buildings were destroyed. Some districts of the southern Khatlon province were also affected, with 36 houses damaged and part of the local railway line washed away.

The following Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan (RCST) situation assessment report of 12 May was submitted by a national society branch in the Jamoats of Lohur and Guliston in Rudaki district (33 km

south of Dushanbe), 55 households (446 people) are affected in the villages Lohur, Tubek, Tailanobod and Jangiobod. Eight houses were destroyed and eight households (78 people) were evacuated to a school in the rayon centre. The most affected Jamoat in Rudaki district is Guliston. The following table shows findings of the assessment, which was conducted in Guliston Jamoat:

Jamoat/Village	Affected families	People	Number of destroyed houses	Number of damaged houses
Mugulon	30	233	30	
Sabzikor	47	324	36	11
Kairagoch	75	509	7	48
Zarteppa	22	139	9	13
Jangikurgon	25	203	4	21
Guliston jamoat	141	1018	50	91
Tezgary bolo	25	270	2	2
Total	365	2696	138	186

A total of 65 houses were affected as a result of floods and underground water accumulation in Sughd oblast (the rayons; Ganchi, Istaravshan and B.Gafurov). 30 out of these 65 houses were destroyed, 160 livestock were killed, 60 to 80 km of road was flooded, and 40 hectares of cotton and other crop fields was washed away. One casualty has been reported.

A total 36 families (314 people) lost their properties due to floods in Shohmansur and Somony rayon, near Dushanbe city.

Red Crescent action

The RCST responded to the disaster by conducting assessments and providing humanitarian aid to affected people. With its available but limited resources the RCST has provided the following items:

- Vegetable oil – 27 kg
- Sugar – 27kg
- Soap – 30 pcs
- Quilts – 36
- Woolen blankets – 96
- Bed linen – 36
- Hygiene packets – 37
- Kitchen sets – 18
- Plastic buckets – 18.

The items were distributed to the most affected people in Rudaki, Shohmansur and Somony rayon. Situation assessment is continuing in Guliston Jamoat of Rudaki district which has become the most affected Jamoat in the disaster area.