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## TAJIKISTAN: EARTHQUAKE AND FLOODS

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- 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.
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## The Situation

On the 22 July at 03:44 in the morning, an earthquake measuring 5.5 on the Richter scale hit Rasht valley in Rasht district. Preliminary information was received from the Committee of Emergency Situations (CoES) of Tajikistan, Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan (RCST) branch of Rasht district and Rapid Emergency Assessment and Coordination Team (REACT) members working in Rasht valley. The information states that a number of persons were killed and several were injured, 170 houses were totally destroyed and more than 1,000 houses were partly damaged. In total it can be estimated that around 7,000 people have been affected.

According to early information sources, the earthquake caused the following damage: (Note: this is preliminary information, and therefore may change as further assessment work is carried out):

### Nusrat Makhsun jamoat:

Village	Damage
<b>Kojamandi</b>	7 houses destroyed/damaged, 1 mosque destroyed
<b>Kaznok</b>	6 houses destroyed/damaged
<b>Kizrok</b>	7 houses destroyed/damaged
<b>Karoluk</b>	6 houses destroyed/damaged

### Kalai Surkh jamoat:

Village	Damage
<b>Kuloba</b>	53 houses destroyed/damaged
<b>Langarak</b>	10 persons killed (16 and 12 year old boys), 6 houses destroyed/damaged
<b>Chugdabiyon</b>	6 houses destroyed/damaged
<b>Kahdara</b>	2 houses destroyed/damaged
<b>Host</b>	18 houses destroyed/damaged

As well as the earthquake, on 22 July ten people died and a further ten are still missing as a result of flooding and mudslides in the Asht district of Sughd oblast. The affected population lost their homes, property and livestock. In total, 12 bridges were destroyed (four transport bridges and eight small bridges).

Mud flows in Shikeyv village in the Darwaz district of Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Oblast (GBAO) caused the following damage:

- three houses were completely destroyed;
- five houses were partially damaged;
- hydroelectric power station building is completely destroyed;
- bridge for transportation is completely destroyed;
- an electric transformer is completely destroyed.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The RCST and the Rasht valley Disaster Response Team members, consisting of trained people and RCST Local Disaster Committee (LDC) members, were deployed and are currently supporting people with first aid, making a situation assessment and providing relief items to the most affected sections of the population. The RCST has already started distributing non-food items from Rasht valley RCST disaster response contingency stock. These consist of:

- 20 tents
- 24 kitchen sets
- 34 hoes
- 64 shovels
- 54 plastic buckets
- 52 sets of bed linen

- 33 mattresses
- 33 pillows
- 34 hygiene kits
- 50 woollen blankets
- 50 lengths of plastic sheeting
- 50 water cans

There is available stock in RCST disaster preparedness central warehouse, and already plans have been made to send more items to people affected by the earthquake. RCST Rasht valley staff and volunteers are continuing to make a detailed situation assessment together with the governmental emergency commission and REACT partners.

The RCST branches with their staff and volunteers are also actively taking part in the response to floods and mudflows in Sughd Oblast and GBAO by making situation assessments and providing non-food items to people.

On 23 July an emergency meeting of CoES, government response structures and REACT partners was held. The current situation was presented by the head of CoES and other partners and it was decided that the assessment team made up from the different agencies will travel to Rasht district to conduct a detailed assessment. The first results will be available and shared on 24 July.

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