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## **I. HIGHLIGHTS/KEY PRIORITIES**

- **Tents, kitchen sets, hygiene sets, fuel, food, medicines and heaters are urgently needed;**
- **The Government of Tajikistan has allocated land for the reconstruction of houses and is requesting assistance with construction materials;**



*Photo Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan*

## **II. Situation Overview**

An earthquake measuring 5.3 on the Richter scale struck Vanj district (38.247°N, 71.495°E) on January 2, 2010 at around 7:15 am. Some 20 villages in two Jamoats have been affected. The epicenter was close to Vanj, the district centre.

The region has been experiencing a series of small tremours and aftershocks, some of which are further damaging previously affected buildings and increasing fears among the population living in these houses.

The total number of destroyed houses has increased to 140 (980 residents), while 958 houses (6706 residents) are considered partially destroyed. In addition, one health post has been completely destroyed and five others, still functioning, have been damaged. Three schools have been damaged as well as 30 administrative buildings previously used for social services. Displaced individuals are currently being sheltered in neighboring Mosques, schools or with neighbors.

Temperatures in the affected area fluctuate between -9 during the day and -24 degrees Celsius at night.

### III. Humanitarian Needs and Response

#### Emergency Shelter, water, sanitation & hygiene, food

Tajikistan's humanitarian coordination system "REACT" has confirmed the following needs:

- Winter tents	200 pcs
- Kitchen set	150 set
- Hygienic set	600 set
- Warm clothes	600 set
- Blankets	600 pcs
- Bedding sets (linen, mattresses)	600 set
- Food items : Flour, oil, rice, sugar	Not specified

As of 8 January, a total of 100 winter tents, previously pre-positioned in Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan and UN warehouses, have been distributed in the affected area. In addition the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan and UNICEF have provided blankets, basic food items, health kits and water purification tablets. GTZ has donated Euro 10,000 for the purchase of relief items.

Tents, kitchen sets, hygiene sets, fuel, food, medicines and heaters are still needed. In addition, the Government of Tajikistan is appealing for support with the reconstruction effort and has allocated land for this purpose.

### IV. Coordination

Coordination is provided through Tajikistan's REACT system, a local disaster management coordination mechanism between government, UN agencies, Red Cross/Red Crescent movement, NGOs and private sector. REACT Rapid Assessment Teams have been on-site, providing partners with assessment data and situation updates. Regular REACT meetings are being held in Dushanbe as well as at the sub-national level to ensure effective coordination.

The government has established the Emergency Commission at the centre of the District. In addition, six operational points have been established in six Jamoats of the district to assess the situation and identify needs. Rapid need assessments have been concluded in most of the affected villages.

### V. Funding

*All humanitarian partners including donors and recipient agencies are encouraged to inform FTS of cash and in-kind contributions by sending an email to: [fts@reliefweb.int](mailto:fts@reliefweb.int).*

### VI. Contact

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