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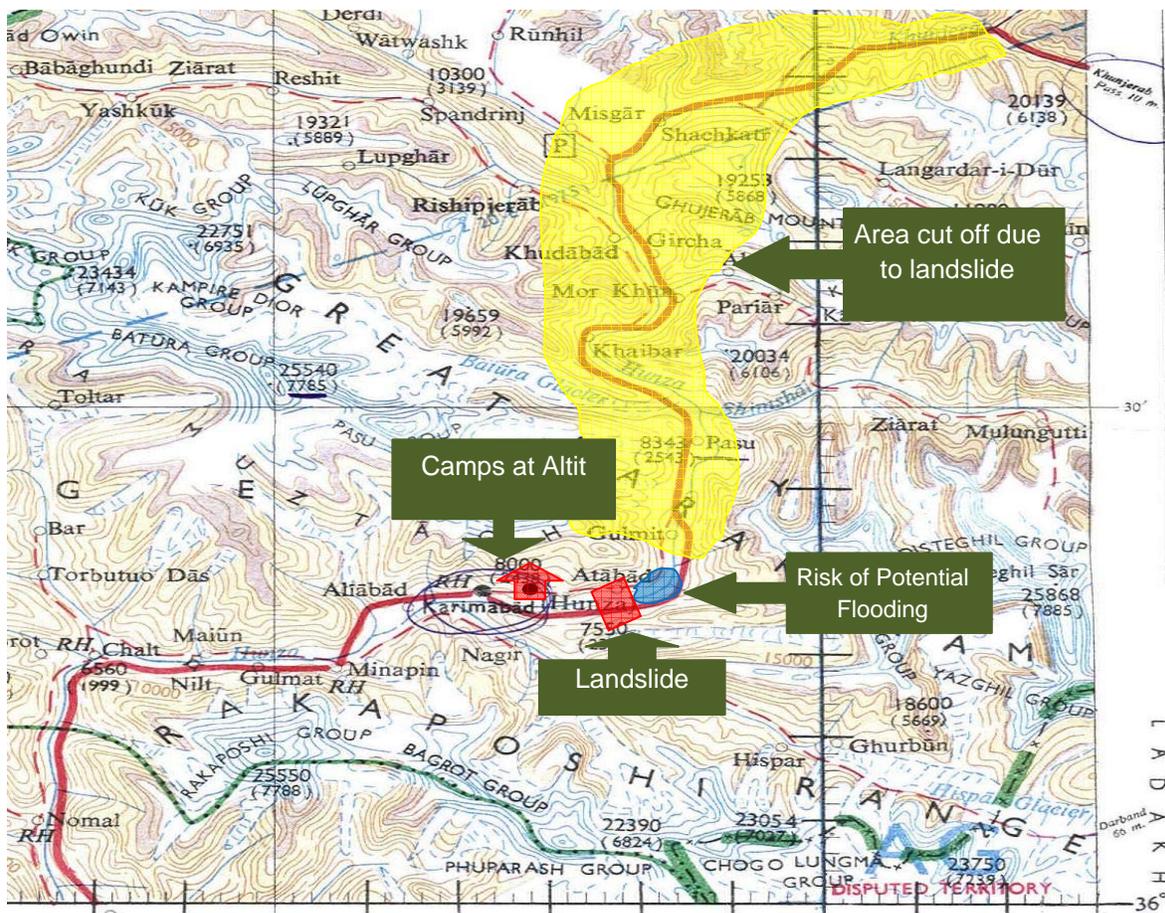
# PRCS HUMANITARIAN OPERATION IN TEHSIL HUNZA (GILGIT-BALTISTAN)

Situation Report - 5

Reporting period – from 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2010 to 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2010

## SITUATION BACKGROUND

A massive landslide hit Hunza District on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010, followed by boulders and rocks, sliding two villages including Atta Abad into the Hunza River. The first landslide swept into the valley at 1.30 pm on Monday and a couple of hours later a second slide came down with high intensity completely wiping-out anything in its path. The incident occurred at Atta Abad, a picturesque valley in the country's Gilgit-Baltistan region, 720 km north of the capital, Islamabad, about thirty kilometers from Aliabad, the main town of Hunza valley. It is located at a distance of 55 kilometers from the Karakorum Highway (KKH), above Sarat village on a steep slope in Central Hunza. Atta Abad is known for landslides and many of its over 100 houses developed cracks after a similar earth-slip nearly three years ago. **For detailed geographical information, please refer to Annex-A.**



Source: - Map from Survey of Pakistan and Assessment by PRCS/IFRC Emergency Response team

## Karakorum Highway (KKH) Blockage

The District Administration has closed a portion of Shahra-e-Karakorum between Hunza and Swat for all types of traffic and declared emergency in Hunza. Chinese engineers have started removing the 263 feet high debris and boulders spread over about 4km stretch of the KKH. They are trying to bring in heavy machinery through China border so as to accelerate the debris removal process.

## Hunza River Blockage

The debris of the houses also fell down into the Hunza River, blocking its water flow. This sliding debris has completely obstructed the water stream. On 6<sup>th</sup> January Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) Gilgit-Baltistan branch reported that the Hunza River is still blocked and its level had risen to 350 feet and still rising.

On 11<sup>th</sup> January it was reported on [www.pamirtimes.net](http://www.pamirtimes.net) that the lake formed due to the blockade of Hunza River has started covering the Ayinabad settlement in Upper Hunza. Experts reported that the water will cover about nine houses within two or three days. According to Sher Wali, Geologist of FOCUS Humanitarian Assistance, the blockade on river is **394 feet high** from the river bed and the **water level is increasing 0.4 feet per hour**. He said the debris is 2,407 feet from sea level. The situation confirms the fears that low-lying areas across the river would be inundated.

### Potential Disaster Forecast:

Two villages (Shiskat and Ainabad), towards China Border, of about 238 HH and 2032 population would come under water. Evacuation of the population from lower side to upper side of the hill has started. The details are as under:

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|-------------------|--|
| a. Shiskat Centre | 124 HH, Population 1079 (550 male, 529 female) |
| b. Shiskat Bela   | 51 HH, Population 428 (220 male, 208 female)   |
| c. Shiskat Payeen | 33 HH, Population 234 (128 male, 106 female)   |
| d. Ainabad        | 30 HH, Population 291 (149 male, 142 female)   |

As per source of WAPDA and Geological Department, the chances of outburst of DAM are minimized. Clearance of Landslide from Hunza up to Sust Border will take around 2 months; however, mule track will be made within 4 days.

## PRCS RESPONSE



Gilgit – Baltistan branch of the Pakistan Red Crescent Society along with Response Team from PRCS NHQ conducting Beneficiary registration at Altit camp in Hunza.



Pakistan Red Crescent Society's Response Team along with volunteers carrying out relief distribution at Altit.

The affected families have been shifted to the camps established in schools and colleges in Karimabad, Hunza. A total of 1,652 individuals had been shifted till 12<sup>th</sup> January.

PRCS team conducted an emergency assessment and distributed the following relief goods to the affected community on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2010: -

Area	Tents	Blankets	Plastic Sheet	Hygiene Kits	Lamp Hurricane	Stove	Total Beneficiaries
Ataabad	15	91	14	5	15	15	90

The items immediately dispatched were:-

Sr. No.	Date	Items	Qty	Beneficiary Families	Remarks
<b>Non Food Items (NFIs)</b>					
1	9-Jan	Quilts	1200	300	4 per family
2	9-Jan	Jackets	2520	300	7 per family (2 x large size, 2 x medium size and 4 x small size) and additional to cater for large families
3	9-Jan	Shawls	1000	300	500 x male shawls and 500 x female shawls
4	9-Jan	Soap	1500	300	Packs of 130 g
5	11-Jan	Medicines			Dispatched to Gilgit. Included painkillers, antibiotics, medicinal syrups etc.
6	13-Jan	Family Tents	200		From NHQ to Gilgit
7	13-Jan	Blankets	1000		From NHQ to Gilgit
8	13-Jan	Mattresses	200		From NHQ to Gilgit
<b>Food Items</b>					
1	9-Jan	Rice	6 tons	300	Dispatched from PRCS NHQ
2	9-Jan	Sugar	4 tons	300	Dispatched from PRCS NHQ
3	9-Jan	Flour	600	300	packs of 20 kg
4	9-Jan	Cooking Oil	600	300	packs of 5 kg
5	9-Jan	Salt	300	300	Packs of 1 kg
6	9-Jan	Tea	300	300	Packs of 1 kg
7	9-Jan	Lentils	1000	300	Packs of 1 kg

PRCS arranged for the complete food package<sup>1</sup> for the affected families. This food package would be sufficient to cater for 20 days rations. Efforts are being made to assemble and gather more food packages so as to provide continued food support to all the affected families. About 195 families are settled in the Govt. established 3 camps in schools and colleges.

<sup>1</sup> Complete Food Package consists of Wheat Flour, rice, beans, sugar, cooking oil, salt and tea.

**Major Concern:** Since the road clearance could take place around 2 months, so the problem of food shortage could arise after two weeks for the areas towards China Border.

**Suggestions:** To provide food assistance to the people towards China border following options could be exercised:

- a. Provide food with the help of Pakistan Army Helicopters.
- b. Write to China Red Cross to provide assistance from their Xinjiang City, the first city of China near Pakistan border.

The DCO Hunza, during a meeting with PRCS officials on 13<sup>th</sup> Jan revealed that due to the Attaabad Landslide, the north Hunza Valley is still cut-off. Shortage of food and fuel for some 25,000 population is feared; the reason being that people could not manage to take their wheat quota till now.

The DCO Hunza has requested the Provincial Government of Gilgit Baltistan for the following options.

- To open the KKH with immediate effect, OR
- To provide C-1-30 OR MI-17, OR
- To make a parallel track that will later on be converted into Jeep Track.

The DCO has also requested PRCS, for provision of Wood Burning Stoves. Since the schools are likely to be opened by 1<sup>st</sup> of Feb, 2010, the DCO requested for provision of some containers or winterized tents for 110 families. The best possible option to accommodate 110 families is to retain them with host families and, PRCS to arrange food for both host and IDPs families.

The DCO has also requested PRCS to take-up this case with Chinese RC, for distribution of Food Items. The Khunjrab Border will be opened by 17<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2010, which will facilitate the Chinese Engineers to bring heavy machinery for road clearance. He also requested the Provincial Government of Gilgit Baltistan, to keep the China Border open from 17-23 Jan, 2010, so that people could bring their necessities from across border.

On 13<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2010, PRCS team has distributed 155 packages of food and non-food items amongst 132 families of Attaabad. The details are as under:

1. Attaabad Pain                    28 packages amongst 27 families.
2. Attaabad Bala                    97 packages amongst 75 families.
3. Sarat Center                    30 packages amongst 30 families.

Average family size is taken as 8 to 9 members per family.

One Family Packages Contains the following:

**Food Package**

Atta= 40 kg, Ghee= 10 kg, Sugar = 10 kg, Dal = 3 kg, Tea = 1 kg, Salt = 1 kg and Soap = 5 bars

**Non-Food Items**

Jackets=7, Shawl=4 and Quilts = 4

On 14<sup>th</sup> January PRCS Gilgit Baltistan branch along with PRCS volunteers and PRCS NHQ staff distributed: -

- 61 family packages to 54 families of Salmanabad
- 2 family packages to 2 families of Attabad Paine

On 15<sup>th</sup> January Rice distribution is being carried out to all the assessed families in camps. To work on the requirement pertaining to psychosocial issues and issues related to restoration of links amongst missing family members, a team of 4 x staff members from PRCS will move to Hunza by tomorrow.

**PRCS Health Response**

PRCS medicines consignment is dispatched for Hunza as per demand put forth by the PRCS health teams there.

The medical team consisting of the following with medicine is being sent through helicopter to Shiskat village and the Gilgit Baltistan Disaster Management Authorities agreed to provide support in this behalf:

1. Dr. Muhammad Yunus - BHU Gilgit
2. Dr. Ashraf Hussain - BHU Skardu
3. Mrs. Farzana Aziz PPO - she belongs to the very village for mobilizing social support
4. Mrs. Mehran Zeb - Master Trainer For assisting medical team
5. Mr. Abbas Ali - Dispenser BHU Gilgit

## PRCS Joint Support

### **USAID**

USAID has offered \$50,000 support in kind directly to PRCS for the affectees of Hunza land sliding. The modalities are being finalized and the support will be materialized soon.

### **IFRC**

IFRC is fully supporting PRCS to run this Hunza Nagar Landslide operation.

### **ICRC**

ICRC has offered in-kind assistance which may be required as per need in future for helping the affected community of Hunza land sliding.

**PRCS – NHQ, DMLC**

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