

Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA) Tajikistan: Floods

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Operation start date: 11 May 2014	Expected timeframe: May – August 2014
Overall operation budget: CHF 108,050	
Number of people affected: 1,072 families (5,360 people)	Number of people to be assisted: The total number of people to be assisted is 917 families (4,585 people): out of them 250 families (1,250 people) will be provided with non-food items. Hygiene promotion information materials and support in distributing clean drinking water will be provided to all 4,585 targeted residents.
Host National Society presence (n° of volunteers, staff, branches): 24 Local Disaster Committee members and six staff of local branch supported by the RCST HQ	
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners actively involved in the operation (if available and relevant): IFRC Representation in Tajikistan	
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: Government of Tajikistan and local authorities	

A. Situation analysis

Description of the disaster

Heavy rainfall caused flooding and flash floods on 10 and 11 May 2014 in two provinces and two Direct Ruled District districts in Tajikistan. According to figures provided by the Committee of Emergency Situation and Civil Defense and the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan, at least 1,072 families (5,360 people) have been severely affected by the floods¹, and around 425 people, who lost their homes have been temporarily sheltered in kindergartens, mosques, at their relatives and in neighbouring villages. The affected areas stretch from Khatlon province to Rudaki and Vahdat districts in the south of the country, and in the northern region in Gonchi district of Sughd province. Also, nine bridges were destroyed; infrastructure and water pipes were heavily damaged. The road from Khatlon province to Badakhshan was cut off after some parts of the road had been washed away, resulting in the disrupting of



Local Disaster Committee members supporting evacuation activities
Photo: RCST

¹ The detailed breakdown is available in Table 1 on Page 2.

the connection between two provinces.

Initial joint assessments have been undertaken by the Committee of the Emergency Situations and Civil Defense (CoES), the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan and the Rapid Emergency Assessment and Coordination Team (REACT) consisting of international humanitarian responders in the country. The results of rapid assessment on damage and people affected are reflected in Table 1 below.

Storage buildings, stocks for cooking/heating (e.g. firewood), cooking utensils and bedding/clothes of the most affected households were damaged or lost. Currently, the affected villages are being provided with food and other means of living by the population of the neighbouring villages and relatives. The kitchen gardens of most affected households are damaged. Crop fields are also damaged (covered with mud).

Table 1: Overview of damages and affected population number by district and province 10 May 2014

Location province/region	District	Admin. centre	# of villages	# of affected families	Total # of affected people	# of evacuated families	Totally destroyed houses	Partially damaged houses
Direct Ruled Districts	Rudaki	Zainabobod	3	350	1,750	200	200	150
		M.Tursunzoda	2	417	2,085	100	100	317
	Vahdat	Chorsu	1	5	25	25	25	
		Simiganj	1	4	20	20	4	
Khatlon Qurghonteppa region	Yovon	Yovon	3	7	35	3	3	4
	Norak	Norak	3	21	105	9	9	12
Khatlon Kulob region	Hamadoni	Chubek	2	23	115	0	0	23
	Shurobod	Sarichashma	2	5	25	0	0	5
	Kulob city	Ziraki	6	76	380		0	76
	Muminobod	Balkhobi,	6	35	174	0	0	35
		Dehibaland						
Bogai								
Sughd	Gonchi	Rosrovud	4	129	645	3	3	47
Total			33	1,072	5,360	360	243	213

Summary of the current response

In each affected district, the Government has mobilized its organizations to rehabilitate the damaged infrastructure (cleaning roads and ditches, restoring electricity lines, providing clean drinking water) within their capacity. The Local Government and CoES forces supported the affected people in evacuation and cleaning activities. At the same time, Emergency Committees created operational points to coordinate their response to the emergency and assessment efforts in all affected areas. At the national level, the CoES has dispatched its technical team to support response efforts in Rudaki district and conducted the first coordination meeting. The Governmental bodies request all agencies to support government in its response activities.

The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan's staff and volunteers are assisting the affected population through provision of first aid. In total, 24 volunteers and six RCST HQ and branch staff are deployed to respond to the disaster, to conduct assessment, to render first aid and to provide humanitarian aid to the most affected people from the National Society's limited stocks in Dushanbe warehouse and Sughd province Emergency Response Centres. RCST and CoES representatives /have been conducting rapid assessment in all affected areas. The RCST's leadership visited the affected area, met with representatives of beneficiaries and participated in coordination meetings convened by the government in Rudaki district. Two first aid points have been set up by the RCST branches in Zainabobod administrative centre of Rudiki and Rasrovut administrative centre in Gonchi district in the affected villages of Sughd province. Besides that, the First Aid volunteers are supporting the evacuated people in kindergardens and mosques. RCST provided in-kind humanitarian aid of non-food items. Please, refer to Table 2.

Table 2: RCST Distributed items to be replenished

District/ Administrative centre	# of households already reached	Mattresses	Blankets	Pillows	Bed linen sets	Construction tools	Cooking sets	Hygiene kits	Water cans 20 ltr.	FA points
RUDAKI District	20	100	100	100	100	20	20	20	20	2
GONCHI district	30	150	150	150	150	30	30	30	30	1
Total:	50	250	250	250	250	50	50	50	50	3

The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan is closely working together with the CoES and international partners, including the UN agencies – WFP, UNDP, WHO, UNICEF, and UNOCHA to provide relief assistance to the most affected people and vulnerable households. At the same time, the RCST is coordinating its activities with the IFRC Country Representation in Tajikistan, which is going to provide technical and financial support in carrying out the planned operation.

Needs analysis, beneficiary selection, risk assessment and scenario planning

Rapid assessments are being conducted by RCST in close collaboration with the CoES representatives. Rapid assessment reports have been received from many of the affected areas and the RCST analysis highlights key priorities for the flooded areas. According to preliminary information to date, the following priorities have been identified: drinking water for affected households in Rudaki district, hygiene items, food products, shelter and non-food items, support in evacuation and cleaning activities. Currently, this IFRC funded project is the only known international response to the needs of the affected population. The planned humanitarian aid under this project is based on the official requests from the officials, and the Government is working on covering other needs of the population affected by the disaster.

According to the division of roles and based upon request by the local governments and in agreement with the CoES headquarters, the RCST will focus on addressing the needs of 250 families (1,250 people) for basic emergency non-food items, hygiene kits and appropriate tools for shelter improvement and environmental cleaning. The distributions will be implemented on the basis of needs assessment and agreed beneficiary criteria with the local authorities, beneficiary representatives and the CoES.

The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan will also provide support in the transportation of drinking water for 4,585 affected people. Drinking water and means of transportation will be provided by the Government, and RCST will provide fuel for transportation and mobilize volunteers to monitor the transportation and assist with the distributions. The RCST will also raise the awareness of the targeted population on hygiene practices.

Assessment and analysis methods will be improved also under this project through discussing and analyzing lessons learned from the implementation of this project and the results of the beneficiary satisfaction survey.

The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan's local branch is monitoring the situation in close contact with the local authorities to determine the further needs to be responded to by the RCST.

Selection of beneficiaries

The direct beneficiaries include elderly people, women and children as they are part of the most-at-risk groups when a disaster strikes. More specifically, the direct beneficiaries within the local population have been identified, based on their level of vulnerability in coping with the disasters.

Priority will be given to:

1. Families most affected by the floods and landslides who are displaced from their homes.
2. Families with women as breadwinners (widows), elderly couples, young couples with small children.
3. Families who are not recipients of any substantial assistance, especially housing by the Government, NGOs and other organizations.



RCST volunteer supporting an elderly person living alone.
Photo: RCST

B. Operational strategy and plan

Overall objective

The immediate needs of the population's affected by the disaster in southern and northern Tajikistan are met through the provision of basic non-food items and water and sanitation activities.

Proposed strategy

The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan is currently responding to addressing the needs of the population affected by the floods in two regions of Khatlon province – Kulob and Qurgantube in the south of Tajikistan from the DREF allocation.

Taken into account the fact that the areas and regions affected by the previous floods are located far away from the newly affected ones, the RCST is now requesting a separate DREF allocation to meet the needs of affected population in Rudaki directly ruled district in central Tajikistan and Gonchi district of Sughd province in the north of Tajikistan.

With the support of the new DREF allocation, the RCST intends to provide immediate emergency response to the needs of the affected population by ensuring emergency shelter and household items including stationary for schoolchildren, hygienic items and sanitation which are urgently required for the 4,585 targeted people.

The RCST has already distributed non-food items to 20 families in Rudaki and 30 families in Gonchi districts. It is planned that with the support of this DREF allocation, the items already distributed by the RCST from its emergency stocks and described in Table 2 will also be replenished. .

The following activities are part of this planned operation:

- completion of detailed needs assessment;
- completion of the beneficiary lists according to the criteria agreed with the local authorities;
- support for transportation of drinking water provided by local authorities to targeted population;
- improvement of the hygienic situation by distributing hygiene kits and health promotion materials;
- provision of the targeted population with non-food items;
- provision of stationary for schoolchildren of the targeted families;
- emergency shelter.

The IFRC Country Representation in Tajikistan will support the RCST technically and financially during the whole project, from the planning phase to the final reporting stage.

Operational support services

Human resources

The Red Crescent Society will mobilize 24 trained and experienced volunteers who have been asked by RCST staff in the field and HQ to carry out this project and deliver the assistance to the affected population. The deployed volunteers will be insured during the implementation of the planned activities under this EPoA. The IFRC staff will also be responsible for providing technical support to the RCST in implementing this operation, as well as for reporting and communications. With the support of this Emergency Plan of Action, 200 volunteers will be insured.

Logistics and supply chain

The DREF budget has been drawn up based on the assumption that all relief items will be procured and dispatched locally following the IFRC's standard procurement procedures. The IFRC Country Representation in Tajikistan will provide the necessary support to local procurement that will be done in accordance with the IFRC and RCST procurement guidelines.

Information technology (IT)

The RCST HQ will maintain regular communication with its field branches through the mobile telephone network, and for sending reports and pictures, through the internet.

Communications

A press release will be prepared in Tajik, English, and Russian languages in order to be disseminated through the local media, as well as to be posted on the official web-site of the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan. Pictures from the operation site will be taken and used for both sending to the media and posting on the internal web-site. The field staff and volunteers will be available for media interviews with the preliminary coordination with the RCST Communications Officer.

Planning, monitoring, evaluation, & reporting (PMER)

The RCST and IFRC Tajikistan will closely monitor the whole project implementation. IFRC will provide technical support in terms of operation management including monitoring and reporting where necessary. Updates will be provided by RCST to IFRC on general progress of the operation. IFRC will publish a final report after the completion of the operation. A beneficiary satisfaction survey will be carried out as part of the monitoring and evaluation activities. A lessons-learned workshop will also be arranged to share the experience and challenges faced during the operation among the Red Crescent staff, IFRC and other partners.

A monitoring and evaluation mission will be conducted by IFRC Europe Zone Office.

This operation is expected to be implemented over three months, and will therefore be completed by 15 August 2014; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation, by 15 November 2014.

Administration and Finance

The RCST will ensure the proper use of financial resources in accordance with the conditions laid down in the project agreement to be signed between the National Society and the donor. The IFRC will ensure that financial resources management will take place according to IFRC standards and DREF guidelines.

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Budget Group	DREF Grant Budget CHF
Shelter - Relief	
Shelter - Transitional	
Construction - Housing	
Construction - Facilities	
Construction - Materials	500
Clothing & Textiles	59,000
Food	
Seeds & Plants	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	5,500
Medical & First Aid	
Teaching Materials	
Utensils & Tools	14,950
Other Supplies & Services	
Cash Disbursements	
Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES	79,950
Land & Buildings	
Vehicles	
Computer & Telecom Equipment	
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment	
Medical Equipment	
Other Machinery & Equipment	
Total LAND, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT	0
Storage, Warehousing	300
Distribution & Monitoring	1,150
Transport & Vehicle Costs	6,200
Logistics Services	
Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE	7,650
International Staff	
National Staff	
National Society Staff	450
Volunteers	4,230
Total PERSONNEL	4,680
Consultants	
Professional Fees	
Total CONSULTANTS & PROFESSIONAL FEES	0
Workshops & Training	2,000
Total WORKSHOP & TRAINING	2,000
Travel	5,000
Information & Public Relations	1,376
Office Costs	
Communications	800
Financial Charges	
Other General Expenses	
Shared Office and Services Costs	
Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES	7,176
Partner National Societies	
Other Partners (NGOs, UN, other)	
Total TRANSFER TO PARTNERS	0
Programme and Supplementary Services Recovery	6,595
Total INDIRECT COSTS	6,595
TOTAL BUDGET	108,050