

BACKGROUND

Between 11 April and 18 May 2014 a series of small to medium scale disasters occurred in several districts of Tajikistan. Flash floods and mudslides pounded the already poor communities in quick succession, leaving little time for recovery. Agricultural lands suffered significant damage at a time when planting works were taking place. Livestock also perished in the disasters, putting additional stress on the affected families who are often reliant on cattle for their livelihood.



19 flash floods **2** mudslides



20 people died



7,400 affected people



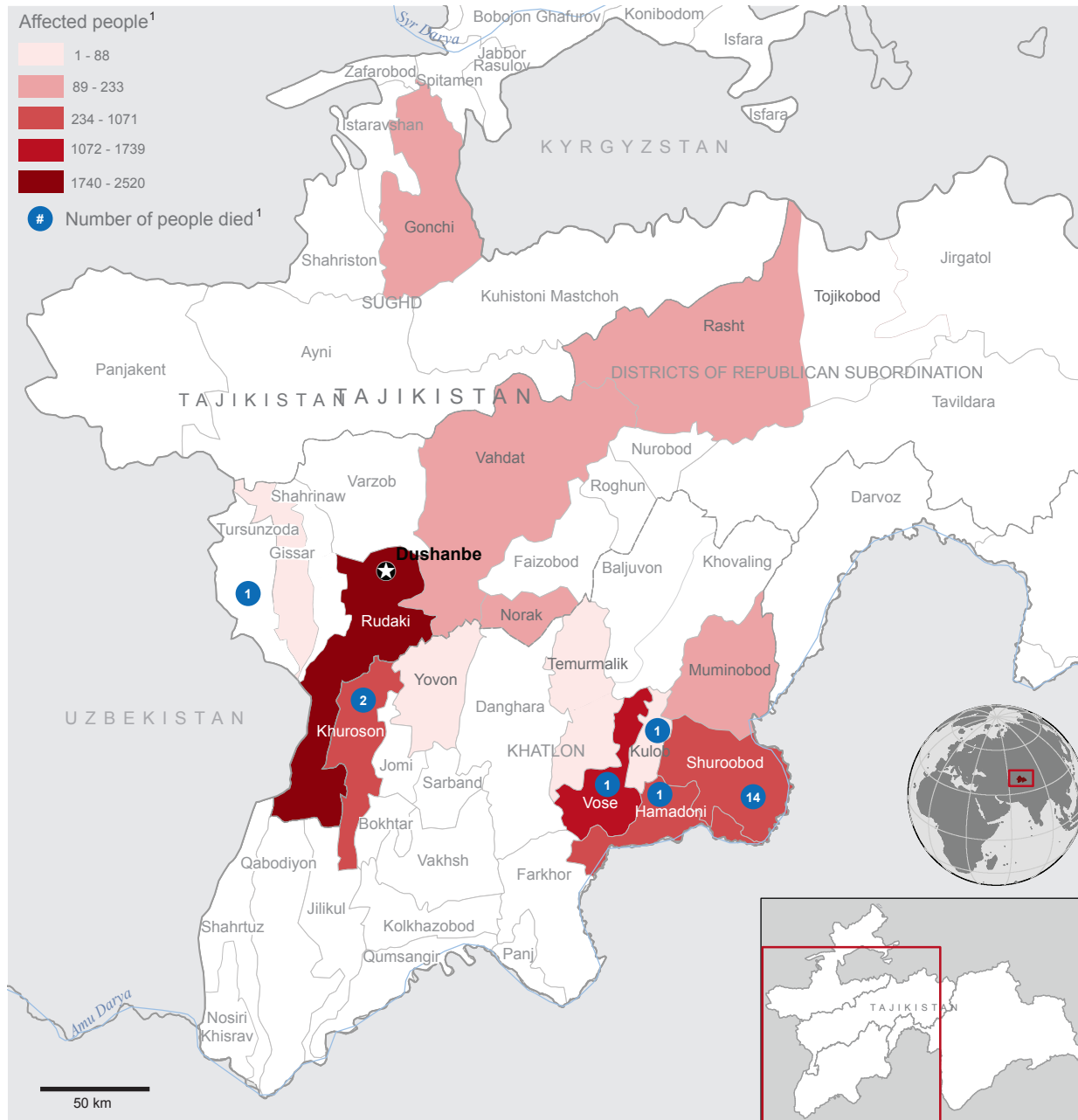
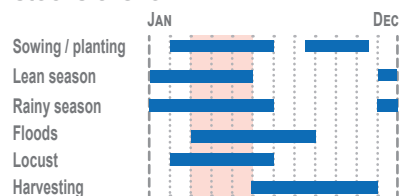
1,200 ha land loss



1,300 livestock killed

SEASONAL AND HAZARDS CALENDAR, TAJIKISTAN²

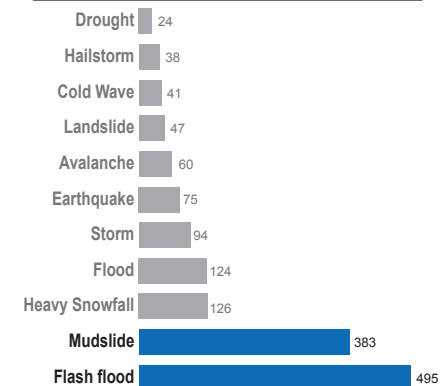
Disasters mostly occur in spring, often meddling with planting. It is also the lean season when food stocks are low.



RESPONSE

National and local military structures were immediately deployed to support Tajikistan's Committee of Emergency Situations to gain access to the affected communities. The Government carried out a rapid initial assessment and relocated the affected population to safer places and supplied life-saving items such as food, temporary shelters and blankets. The Rapid Emergency Assessment and Coordination Team (REACT), consisting of donor agencies, national and international NGOs, the National Red Crescent movement and UN agencies, complemented the Government assessment and contributed to the assistance through provision of fuel, food and non-food items. The Government issued a decree to allocate land spots for construction of houses to families who lost their dwellings.

TYPES OF DISASTERS, TAJIKISTAN, 1998-2012³



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