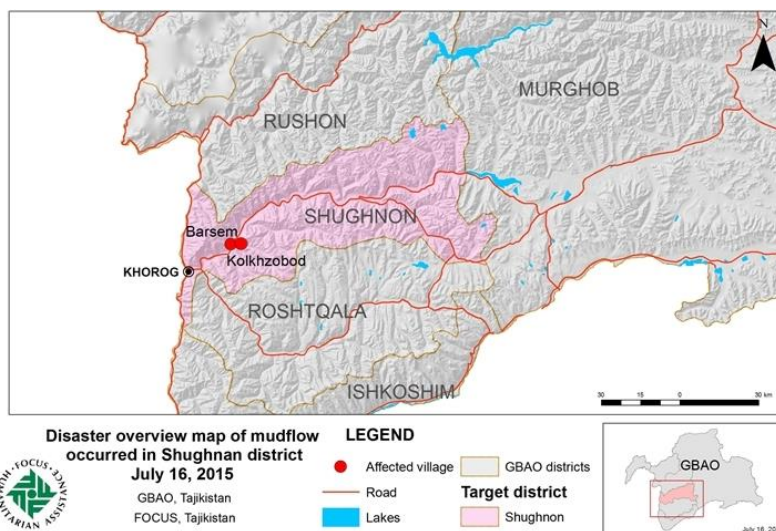


Mudflow in Shughnan District, Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Oblast (GBAO), Tajikistan

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A mudflow affected Barsem and Kolkhozobod villages of Shughnan District, GBAO on July 16, 2015. The mudflow was triggered by high temperature and rapid snow and glaciers melting and caused a very significant damage to infrastructure and households in 2 villages. The mudflow blocked Gund river and a lake is founded in Kolkhozobod village currently.



Damage Information

According to the preliminary information from Focus Humanitarian Assistance in Tajikistan (FOCUS) there is no human casualties reported. The preliminary estimates show that 25 houses are destroyed in Barsem and 4 houses in Kolkhozobod villages (not suitable for living) and some livestock was lost. The car road for about 3 km is under flood and the Khorog-Murghab road is blocked. 1 car and 2 pedestrian bridges are destroyed. The mudflow damaged



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electric lines which supply electricity to the region from the main hydropower station Pamir-1. Due to a risk of flooding the water to Khorog hydropower station is blocked by Pamir Energy team, and there is no electricity in whole area, including Khorog town. Local cemetery is washed away totally.

Assistance Provided

A joint team consisting from the representatives of local authorities, regional CoES, FOCUS and Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTs) have evacuated 140 households from threatened area. Also a warning was issued to other households downstream as there is a risk of the lake outburst. The joint team is at the site currently and monitoring the situation. Local Government and FOCUS/AKDN are planning to fly the area with helicopter to assess the condition of glaciers and identify further response needs and strategies.

Needs Information

According to latest information from FOCUS, the preliminary assessments show that the affected and displaced families need shelter and kitchen items, food, clothing, hygiene kits, heavy machinery and fuel to clean the affected areas of debris. Also chemicals may be required for disinfection.

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