



# REACT Bulletin

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A monthly summary of activities by REACT members in Tajikistan

## Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense Celebrates 20 Years.

On 14 August 2014 the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense of Tajikistan (CoES) celebrated 20 years since its founding in August 1994. The “Republican Scientific and Practical Conference on the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan - History, Development and Perspectives” was held in the Dushanbe Plaza Conference Hall with participation of 80 national and international organizations.

The conference was chaired by CoES Deputy Chairman, with opening speeches delivered by Mr. Murodali Alimardon, Deputy Prime Minister and the Chairman of the National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, Mr. Khayriddin Abdurahimov, CoES Chairman and Ms. Aliona Niculita, UNDP Deputy Country Director. During the conference participants discussed a wide range of issues related to the historical aspects of the establishment, development, consolidation and the future prospects of the CoES.

The participants noted that the key factors in solving the existing problems in this sector is to attract the investment needed for further study and research, as well as for the implementation of DRR related activities. At the end of the conference the experts and scientists

representing government, non-government, local, international and donor organizations adopted a series of recommendation on strengthening and development of the work of CoES.



“20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the CoES: History, Development and Perspectives” Conference

Further details are available at: <http://www.khf.tj/index.php>.

## UNDP Receives Funding For Flood Recovery and Resilience

Following floods and mud flows if earlier this year, the Disaster Risk Management Program, UNDP Tajikistan, developed a two year “Flood Recovery and Resilience” project for the most severely affected areas with local authorities. The project focuses on the Sari Chashma Jamoat, Shurobood District, which suffered 13 deaths and over 100 houses damaged from the flooding and mud flows. The same jamoat suffered significant damage from flooding in 2010.



Mudflow affected house, Sari Chashma Jamoat, April 13, 2014.

A total of \$800,000 US has been allocated to the two year \$US 1.8 million project by UNDP's Bureau of Crisis Prevention and Recovery. UNDP Tajikistan has already provided \$US 175,000 for expansion of a water system to serve a site to where people will be moved from flood and mud flow-affected locations. The project will also include livelihoods support, support for housing construction and other communal services, hazard and risk assessments and building disaster resilience.

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### **USAID Supports Monitoring and Early Warning Reporting by the Government of Tajikistan**

USAID Tajikistan's Farmer Advisory Services in Tajikistan Program (FAST), implemented by the University of Illinois, has begun providing technical support to the Government of Tajikistan's **Monitoring and Warning System** (MEWS) monthly reporting. The **MEWS** reports are issued by the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade in Russian and English to over 600 recipients, and covered in local and international media (e.g., ReliefWeb).

The focus of the **MEWS** is to provide decision makers and those involved in emergency planning and response a range of critical information and indicators to enable a timely warning of possible crisis which could affect Tajikistan. The **MEWS** has been operating since 2008 with past support from UK Aid and UNDP.

To receive the **MEWS** report each month, send a message to [earlywarning.tj@gmail.com](mailto:earlywarning.tj@gmail.com) or [earlywarning.tj@undp.org](mailto:earlywarning.tj@undp.org).

**MEWS** reports are also available at <http://www.medt.tj/en/index/index/pageld/791/> and <http://untj.org/coordination-mechanisms/disaster-management/monitoring-and-early-warning-system>.

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