

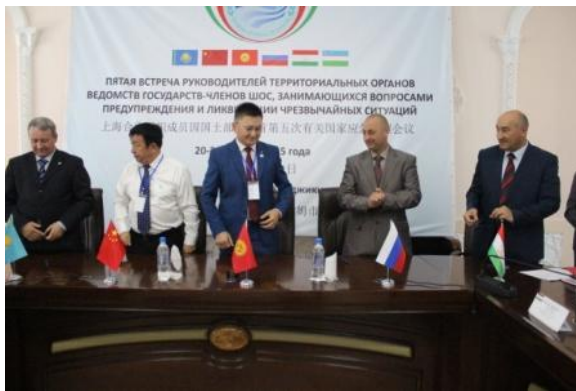
REACT Bulletin

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A monthly summary of activities by REACT members in Tajikistan

FIFTH MEETING OF THE SHANGHAI COOPERATION ORGANIZATION IN TAJIKISTAN ON EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

The fifth meeting of the heads of government authorities responsible for the prevention and liquidation of emergency situations in the border regions of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) member states was held in Khujand Province, Tajikistan, from 20 to 21 August 2015.



The event was chaired by Major General Rustam Shohiyon, Deputy Chairman of the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense of the Government of Tajikistan.

During the meeting the participants discussed cooperation on prevention, awareness raising and liquidating emergencies in cross-border areas.

Also discussed were operational procedures for rescue units during the emergency-recovery process and information exchange about possible emergency situations.

The event was organized by the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense of Tajikistan with financial support of the United Nations Development Programme in Tajikistan, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, ACTED, FOCUS and OXFAM Tajikistan.

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YOUTH SUMMER CAMP “ALAST” FOR MUDFLOW-AFFECTED VILLAGES IN GBAO

From August 21 to 25, 2015 the Center for Climate Change and Disaster Reduction (CCDR) with the financial support of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), conducted a Youth Summer Camp “Alast” (Renaissance) for the children and youth of the recently mudflow-affected villages of Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Oblast (GBAO). The goal of the project was to provide rapid emergency assistance to the mudflow-

affected communities in GBAO through recreational and psychosocial support to the youth and children of the affected communities of Barsem, Kolkhozobod and Berdibekobod, all located in Shugnan District.

The Summer Camp was in the nearby tent camp in Bogevo village. It was specifically designed to support 40 children and youth to cope with the aftermath of the devastating mudflow, which occurred on July 16, 2015 in Shugnan District of GBAO, leaving the population with severe economic and social consequences.

Understanding the traumatic impact of the disasters on children, CCDR rushed to provide the first support to this most vulnerable group, re-building their shattered belief in the safe and resilient future. The program of the Summer Camp included art therapy, psychosocial support, speaking out through games and activities, sports and drawings, and linking nature and humans. Volunteer partners from Youth for Mountainous Development provided their valuable support to organize the camp. All the camp participants received sports uniforms and traditional dresses as gifts. The Youth Summer Camp enabled CCDR to support the use of education and knowledge to build a culture of safety and resilience.

On the last day of the Camp the children organized a cultural program. The Deputy Chair of the Hukumat of GBAO, Ms. Orumbekova G. visited the Camp to express, on behalf of Hukumat, their gratitude to SDC and CCDR.

All the non-food items for conducting the summer camp are



handed over to the affected families located at the tent camp in Manem village, including mattresses, blankets, pillows, beddings, kitchenware etc.

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OXFAM ORGANIZED FIRE PREVENTION AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

In order to reduce fire-related deaths, injuries and damage, Oxfam Tajikistan and the Fire Department of Khatlon Region organized an Awareness Raising Campaign from May to September 2015.

The aim was to highlight the importance of safety requirements in homes and public facilities, as well as taking fire prevention measures. The participants were acquainted with fire prevention and safety tips, types of fire fighting equipment and the process of using them properly to respond to fire incidents.

“The loss of life or property, as a result of fire, is a tragedy that can be avoided. Everyone can and should take

steps to protect themselves by learning how to prevent fires and taking actions”, - said Bojan Kolundzija, the Country Director for Oxfam Tajikistan. “This way fires can be stopped before they even get started!” he added.



The awareness campaign was carried out in Kulyab city, Vose, Khovaling and Muminobod Districts with more than 3,000 participants taking part. The programme included a theatre play highlighting the importance of safety requirements, demonstrations of fire-fighting equipment and questions and answers on fire precautions. The campaign showcased an evacuation simulation designed for the schools and with the engagement of the Committee of Emergency Situations, school management and staff, the Fire Department, medical staff and the police unit of the region. An evacuation simulation was conducted at School №50 in Kulyab city with 58 school directors and more than 500 schoolchildren actively participating.

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