

# REACT Bulletin

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A monthly summary of activities by REACT members in Tajikistan

## FIRST MEETING OF THE REGIONAL MONITORING AND EARLY WARNING SYSTEM IN TAJIKISTAN

On 4 November 2014 the first working group meeting of the Khatlon Province Regional Monitoring and Early Warning System (RMEWS) was held in Kurgan-Tyube with the support of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade (MEDT) and the UNDP Disaster Risk Management Programme in Tajikistan (DRMP).

The meeting was chaired by the Deputy Chairman of Khatlon Province. Participants included 24 representatives of different entities of the Khatlon Province government and representatives from the MEDT, UNDP and USAID Tajikistan's Farmer Advisory Services in Tajikistan Program (FAST).

The Khatlon Province RMEWS was established through a tripartite MoU signed in Kurgan-Tyube on 1 August 2014 between UNDP, MEDT and Government of Khatlon Province.



Signing MoU between UNDP, MEDT RT and Government of Khatlon Oblast  
Dushanbe, 1 August, 2014 UNDP Tajikistan

The main objective of the Khatlon RMEWS is to provide monitoring and early warning information to all interested parties in and

outside the Province and establish a data base for the Province covering 5 indicators (weather, energy, health, food security and economy).

UNDP has provided equipment and furniture for efficient functioning of this structure. A number of capacity building trainings will also be delivered over the next 12 months. For more information, please contact: [khursheda.ahnazarova@undp.org](mailto:khursheda.ahnazarova@undp.org)

## CELEBRATING FIVE YEARS OF VOLUNTARY SERVICE FOR THE COMMUNITIES' SAFETY

It is important for local communities to be prepared in the event of a disaster. It often takes time for first responders to arrive at the affected area. Recognizing this need, Focus Humanitarian Assistance established 58 CERTs – Community Emergency Response Teams - in Tajikistan to respond to disasters and help save lives during emergencies. Through training facilitated through FOCUS, the CERTs have developed skills needed to provide basic first aid, search and rescue, and the transport casualties.

To celebrate the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the CERTs in Khorog, 300 trained CERTs members participated a three-day event, the CERT Olympics, in November 2014. CERT members competed in special skills competitions and were judged by the representative of the Aga Khan Health Services, FOCUS, and the Committee for Emergency Situations and Civil Defence. Local government officials,

including the Mayor of Khorog Mr. Faromuz Khudoberdiev supported the event. Prizes were awarded for overall best performance to the top three CERT teams.



Khorog CERT's Olympics winners, Khorog, November, 2014, Focus Humanitarian Assistance

This competition should motivate CERT members to enhance their skills and gain more practice through the training exercise. For more information, please contact: [zarangez.pironova@focushumanitarian.org](mailto:zarangez.pironova@focushumanitarian.org)

### **GERMAN RED CROSS TO SUPPORT RED CRESCENT SOCIETY OF TAJIKISTAN IN DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (DRR) STRATEGY FOR 2016-2020**

German Red Cross will support the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan (RCST) to develop a Comprehensive DRR Strategy. This initiative takes place through a project funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development and the German Red Cross with cooperation and involvement of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Finnish Red Cross, and the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defence. The partners have agreed to develop action plans for a post-2015 RCST Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Strategy based on five priority areas of the National Disaster Risk Management

Strategy for 2010-2015 (NDRMS). During the first round of extensive discussions, held on 19 November 2014, the partners agreed to integrate and adapt current recommendations and outputs of the National DRM Strategy considering resources available to the Society.



First Round Discussion on development of Action Plan for post-2015 RCST DRR Strategy, Dushanbe, 19 November, 2014, RCST

Also, RCST held consultations to revise and update its Contingency Plan for 2015-2018 based on its current capacities. Activities under this component were part of the DIPECHO VIII project funded by ECHO and led by German RC.

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### **TABLE TOP EXERCISE ON NATIONAL RECOVERY GUIDE FOR MEDIUM AND LARGE DISASTERS**

On 25 - 26 November 2014, UNDP Tajikistan through its Disaster Risk Management Programme, Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense (CoES) and National Platform Secretariat conducted a table top exercise for the members of the National Platform and CoES staff on the National Recovery Guide.

The exercise enabled participants to practice the integration of international humanitarian assistance into the

government-led recovery and coordinate the recovery process between government and international community by simulating medium and large disasters. A total of 30 persons attended the day and half exercise.



The National Recovery Guide defines the policy and responsibilities for the recovery from disaster by the Government and other parties and defines how recovery responsibilities and tasks are to be planned and implemented. The Government already has an administrative structure for managing relief and recovery. At the same time, global experiences with recovery, including the Spitak earthquake, earthquakes in China, and the 2010 Tohoku earthquake, indicate disaster recovery will place extraordinary demands on the Government and supporting organizations. The developed Guide is intended to ensure adequate planning for medium to large disasters that enables all parties involved in disaster recovery to respond effectively to the needs of the disaster survivors in a coordinated and efficient manner. A draft copy of the National Recovery Guide is available at [http://untj.net/files/Publications/DRMP/DRR\\_and\\_Development/Government\\_Recovery\\_Guide\\_Peer\\_Review.pdf](http://untj.net/files/Publications/DRMP/DRR_and_Development/Government_Recovery_Guide_Peer_Review.pdf).

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