

RAPID EMERGENCY ASSESSMENT AND COORDINATION TEAM (REACT)

Floods/mudflows in Tajikistan: 4 – 10 July 2017

Flash update (as of 11 July 2017)

Key highlights

- During the period of July 4 – 10, 2017 at least 6 small scale floods and mudflows have occurred throughout Tajikistan.
- Mudflows and floods in total affected around 600 people in different districts of the country.
- Total of 7 houses have been fully destroyed and around 40 houses were partially damaged.
- Around 20 houses remain flooded in Darvoz district.
- In many affected locations, drinking water and electricity supply systems have been damaged, limiting access of population to clean drinking water and electricity.
- Debris removal is on-going by the state services and population in all affected areas.
- Almost all affected families are in need of relief assistance including food, clothing, non-food items and hygiene kits, due to the loss and damage of their assets.

Situation overview

Rasht district



Damaged house in Gharm village of Rasht district. 4 July 2017.
Photo credit: UNDP

On July 4, 2017 heavy rains caused a mudflow in the Bedak and Gharm villages of Rasht district. The mudflow affected 37 households (78 families), destroying 5 houses and heavily damaging another 1 house. The water supply system is damaged and almost of the population does not have access to clean drinking water. The mudflow damaged other critical infrastructure including roads, bridges, electricity supply lines, and caused severe damages to the households, destroying the belongings, flooding the kitchen gardens and killing the cattle and poultry.

Local authorities and population have organized removal of debris from a local river (7,000 m), reducing the risk of repeated flood, which can affect another 100 households.

The results of the rapid damage and needs assessment were discussed at the meeting of regional REACT in Rasht, where local branch of CoES appealed to partners for assistance, including recovery of water supply system, fuel for debris removal, food and non-food assistance for affected population.

Ayni district

On 4 July 2017, heavy rains caused a mudflow in a number of villages in Anzob Jamoat of Ayni district. The mudflow affected 27 families (152 people), partially damaging 15 houses. The damage and needs assessment is on-going by local authorities. However, Ayni district authorities appealed to REACT partners in Ayni for support to affected population with relief assistance, including provision of drinking water, WASH items, clothing and other non-food items. Up to date, UNICEF has delivered WASH-related emergency supplies, including hygiene kits, water containers, water purification tablets and others.

Darvoz district

On 8 July 2017, heavy rains caused mudflow on the territory of Afghanistan, which blocked the stream of Panj river. Panj river water flooded 19 houses in Khostav village of Nulvand Jamoat of Darvoz district. Inhabitants of the flooded houses were evacuated to safe locations and provided with food. 800 m of the Dushanbe – Khorog road is flooded as well. Damage and needs assessment is on-going by local authorities.

On July 9, 2017 due to temperature increase and rapid melt of glaciers water level in Panj river increased and flooded number of houses in village Shirgovat, Jamoat Nulvand. Two houses are completely filled with mud and water. 1,5 km of the Dushanbe-Khorugh road is flooded as well and movement of the road was temporarily stopped.

Currently local authorities with the assistance of search and rescue teams and heavy machinery of CoES are cleaning the debris to eliminate the river blockage.



Flooded houses in Khostav village, of Jamost Nulvand, Darvoz district. 8 July 2017 Photo credit: AKAH

The Government has provided food and non-food assistance to the affected population. In addition, Aga Khan Agency for Habitat provided 22 tents and non-food items kits to the evacuated population of Khostav village and mobilized 500 liters of diesel fuel for cleaning of the road.

Damage information

Preliminary overview of damage results of damage assessment conducted by different REACT Sughd partners report the following:

	Rasht district	Ayni district	Darvoz district
Population affected	297 (78 families)	152 (27 families)	138
Destroyed houses	5	0	
Partially damaged houses	1	15	2 (CoES) +20
Other damages	Electricity supply line Drinking water supply line Cattle and poultry		1.5 km and 300 m sections of roads flooded

Response

- Local authorities of the affected districts and local population are engaged extensively in removal of debris.
- Government of Tajikistan has allocated food aid, including wheat flour, vegetable oil, rice, sugar, etc. and sets of non-food items and hygiene kits for affected population of Darvoz district.
- Aga Khan Agency for Habitat provided 22 tents and non-food items sets to affected population in Darvoz district.
- UNICEF released WASH-related emergency supplies to affected population in Ayni district.

Humanitarian needs

- Diesel fuel and water pump machines to support affected population move faster with cleaning of debris/contaminated mud from households and avoid any water-borne diseases.
- Relief assistance, mainly non-food items (clothing and bedding items), hygiene kits.
- Livelihoods support to affected population to generate income.

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