

RAPID EMERGENCY ASSESSMENT AND COORDINATION TEAM (REACT)

Earth motion in Jomi district: 8 May 2021

Situation Report # 1 (as of 9 May 2021)

Highlights

- Heavy rainfall during 7 – 8 May 2021 led to erosion of soil, which caused earth motion in Jomi district of Khatlon province.
- No deaths or injuries reported.
- As of 9 May, a total of 16 houses are reported to be destroyed and another 14 are under high risk of destruction.
- A total of 167 households have been evacuated from risk zones.
- Disaster site is cordoned off and relevant services are monitoring the situation 24/7.
- A temporary tent camp is established for 30 households.

Situation Overview

Heavy rains during 7 – 8 May 2021, led to erosion of soil, which caused earth motion in village Navobod, Jamot Iftikhor of Jomi district. As a result, a total of 16 houses

have collapsed and another 14 remain at the highest risk of collapsing. No deaths or injuries have been reported.

Committee of Emergency Situations (CoES) mobilized its rescue and military units to organize evacuation of affected population and other households located in risk zones to avoid casualties and injuries. Currently risk area is cordoned off and remains inaccessible. Relevant services are monitoring the geological processes 24/7. CoES on its turn is undertaking necessary machinery works to avoid further motion.

In total 168 households (835 people), have been evacuated from the risk zone and currently hosted by their relatives in neighboring areas. Of them 30 households, whose houses have been destroyed or under the risk of destruction are placed in tent camp, established in the yard of the local secondary school # 50. As reported by representatives of CoES at the disaster site, tent camp is inhabited mainly by adult heads of families, while children, women and elderly family members are sent off to their relatives.

A field kitchen is established at the tent camp, where food is prepared and served to the residents of the camp and other services, which are on duty at the site. Drinking water is supplied by water tankers and hygiene facilities of the school are made available for the tent camp residents. Fire services and police is on duty 24/7 and ensures safety and security of the tent camp area. Emergency healthcare is ensured through an established first-aid point.

It is expected that upon identification and allocation of safe land plots for construction of new houses, existing tent camp will be demolished, and tents will be moved to individual land plots, where affected population can be engaged in construction works.

Damage Information

Republican Inter-Agency Commission on Emergency Situation (Commission) led by Deputy Prime Minister D. Gulmahmadzod has been activated. Commission continues assessing the situation and damages. As of now, it is reported that 16 houses located in 3 streets are destroyed, including associated infrastructure such as internal roads, electricity poles, water supply pipes and etc. Another 16 houses remain under highest risk of destruction.

Destruction of electricity poles caused interruption in electricity supply of the village, which has been restored by the responsible services.

Another 200 ha of agricultural land, along with the crops and irrigation infrastructure (inter-farm canals) has been destroyed.

As motion of the soil continues, damage information is expected to change rapidly. Video from the disaster site can be seen at CoES website, following: <https://kchs.tj/node/2047>.



Earth motion in Navobod village, Jomi district
Photo credit: CoES

Response

- Tent camp is established to host 30 households. Each household within the tent camp is provided with one tent and set of non-food items.
- Ready meals and water is provided to the residents of the established tent camp and relevant services engaged in the monitoring and response at the site.
- Land plots in safe locations for construction of new houses for residents of destroyed houses will be allocated in line with the decision of the Commission. Relevant services (geology, land management and seismological services) are tasked to assess safety of the proposed locations.
- Machinery works are continued by CoES to prevent further earth motion.
- 30 sets of non-food items, which include bedding sets and kitchen items are dispatched by RCST.
- 36 sets of family hygiene and dignity kits, water purification tablets (to cover the need of at least 200 people for one month), C4D materials (for water purification tablets) and fuel (1,000 lt) is dispatched by UNICEF through RCST.
- 5,000 liters of fuel is delivered by Aga Khan Agency for Habitat.



Tent camp in School # 50, Jomi district
Photo credit: RCST

Humanitarian needs

Republican Commission on Emergency Situations, as well as Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan is at the site assessing the situation, including needs of the population. Preliminary information on needs, solicited from different sources, include following immediate needs:

- Food assistance, especially those households, which lost their houses and/or agricultural lands.
- Non-food items (clothing, bedding, kitchen items) and hygiene kits.
- Fuel to continue machinery works to prevent further earth motion.
- Mental health and psycho-social support to affected population.

Longer term needs include:

- Construction material and/or support in infrastructure recovery.
- Livelihoods support to affected population to generate income.

On 8 May 2021, Committee of Emergency Situations approached individual REACT partners (mainly those possessing emergency stocks) with the request for relief assistance to population and fuel for CoES. The formal Appeal/Request from CoES with more detailed figures is expected to be received by 10 May 2021.

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