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Tajikistan Program Summary – November 2010

BACKGROUND ON 2009 AND 2010 FLOODING AND HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

Heavy rains from March to May 2009 resulted in widespread flooding and mudslides in southern Tajikistan, particularly affecting Khatlon Province, where nearly 40 percent of the country's population resides. According to the U.N., floods and mudslides affected approximately 15,000 individuals, including more than 700 families—or 3,600 individuals—whose houses were destroyed. Of the more than 700 displaced families, approximately 500 resided in Khuroson District alone. In addition, floods damaged more than 14,000 hectares of farmland, resulting in widespread livelihood disruptions and food insecurity. By May 2009, in-country stocks of emergency shelter materials, food, and water and sanitation supplies were depleted and many emergency needs remained unmet. As a result, on May 26, U.S. Ambassador Tracey A. Jacobson declared a disaster in Tajikistan. In response, USAID/OFDA provided \$50,000 through USAID/Tajikistan to Save the Children for constructing sanitation facilities and distributing essential household items, including hygiene kits and kitchen sets.

While many displaced households had relocated by December 2009 to new housing settlements constructed by the Government of Tajikistan (GoT), health risks persisted for lack of adequate water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) facilities. Families who remained displaced continued to require shelter assistance as winter approached, and the entire affected population required additional assistance to restore livelihoods and combat food insecurity. As a result, on December 3, 2009, U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Necia L. Quast re-declared a disaster and requested additional USAID/OFDA support. In response, USAID/OFDA provided nearly \$1.7 million to four grantees for distributing essential household supplies and implementing multi-sectoral interventions to mitigate health risks and support people in resuming livelihoods. USAID/OFDA grantees Save the Children, the Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED), the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF), and the U.N. World Health Organization (WHO) designed respective programs *to meet emergency needs, while also promoting recovery from the series of spring 2009 disasters*. When flooding occurred again in May 2010—destroying 380 houses, displacing more than 2,600 people, and prompting U.S. Ambassador Kenneth E. Gross, Jr. to declare the third flood-related disaster in one year—USAID/OFDA grantees rapidly responded to new emergency needs with existing resources. Affected individuals benefited from ongoing programs initially funded by USAID/OFDA in January 2010. USAID/OFDA also provided an additional \$50,000 to Save the Children to augment stocks of emergency relief supplies.

USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN PROGRAM IN DETAIL: PROMOTING EARLY RECOVERY

In January 2010, USAID/OFDA grantees commenced activities to protect the health of individuals affected by spring 2009 flooding. Such efforts, combined with distributions of relief supplies and shelter materials, have enabled recipients not only to resume but also to maintain livelihoods, thereby promoting post-disaster recovery. UNICEF completed projects in August 2010 after improving the health of 10,000 vulnerable children in Khatlon Province who were either directly or indirectly affected by flooding and at risk of contracting waterborne diseases, as well as educating 8,000 female caregivers in proper child health care practices. Through October 2010, Save the Children continued to promote proper hygiene practices and to construct sanitation facilities, helping to prevent the spread of diseases to 3,000 people residing in two newly constructed housing settlements in Khuroson District, Khatlon Province. Save the Children's efforts have benefited more than 25 percent of flood-affected households in Khuroson District. Through December 2010, grantee WHO will continue to restore and improve flood-affected or otherwise deficient health clinics, conduct measles vaccinations, and establish disease early warning and surveillance systems. Spring 2009 flooding led to two severe mudslides, one of which damaged the rural hospital in Khuroson District. WHO, in partnership with the GoT Ministry of Health, has endeavored to "build back better" in order to ensure that the hospital acquires and retains the capacity for improving health conditions among the general population and for delivering basic health care during subsequent natural disasters. WHO's activities will benefit more than 27,000 people, including 11,000 individuals—or nearly 92 percent of Khuroson's flood-affected population—and 16,500 children and women of childbearing age throughout the district.

USAID ASSISTANCE TO TAJIKISTAN

FY 2010			
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
ACTED	Logistics and Relief Commodities; Shelter and Settlements; WASH	Khatlon Province	\$577,358
Save the Children	Logistics and Relief Commodities; WASH	Khuroson District of Khatlon Province	\$500,000
UNICEF	Health	Khatlon Province	\$220,500
WHO	Health; Protection; WASH	Khuroson District of Khatlon Province	\$437,844
TOTAL FY 2010 USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE			\$1,735,702
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE			
Mercy Corps and Save the Children	5,970 Metric Tons (MT) of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Affected Areas	\$9,817,100
TOTAL FY 2010 USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE			\$9,817,100
TOTAL FY 2010 USAID ASSISTANCE			\$11,552,802

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents actual obligated amounts as of September 30, 2010.

FY 2009			
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE			
<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Save the Children	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Khuroson, Oumsangir, and Pyanj districts of Khatlon Province	\$50,000
TOTAL FY 2009 USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE			\$50,000
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE			
Mercy Corps and Save the Children	4,090 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Affected Areas	\$6,091,100
TOTAL FY 2009 USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE			\$6,091,100
TOTAL FY 2009 USAID ASSISTANCE			\$6,141,100
TOTAL FY 2009 AND FY 2010 USAID ASSISTANCE to TAJIKISTAN			\$17,693,902