

# EARLY ACTION PROTOCOL OPERATIONS UPDATE

Tajikistan | Heatwave

27 June 2024

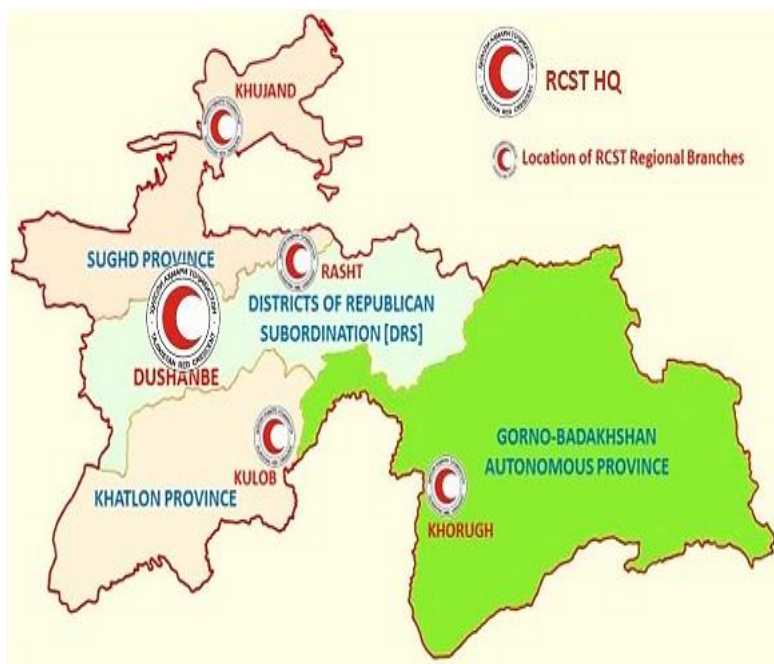


Photo: Registration of beneficiaries for distribution of humanitarian aid. The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan (RCST)

EAP №: <b>EAP2021TJ01</b>	Operation №: <b>MDRTJ034</b>	EAP approved: <b>06/04/2022</b>
Trigger date: <b>N/A</b>	Early action timeframe: <b>5 days</b>	Timeframe covered by this update: <b>03/01/2021– 26/06/2024</b>

**Original budget: 249,971 CHF**  
**Revised budget: 261,603 CHF**  
**To assist: 5,580 people**

## Summary of revisions to the operation



The original project was set to begin on 3 November 2021. However, due to audit recommendations for the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan (RCST) and challenges related to staffing and internal restructuring, implementation was delayed, and no activities took place until 27 June 2024. The audit identified areas requiring improvement within RCST, necessitating additional time for resolution. Until an agreement on future modalities is reached, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) will oversee procurement for the Early Action Protocol (EAP).

**The current revision does not alter the geographical focus, target population, or planned early action activities. Instead, key adjustments include an updated exchange**

**rate, changes to procurement management, IFRC support costs, and a revised timeline—activities will commence later than originally planned but will still conclude within the initial project deadline. The overall project budget has also increased by approximately CHF 12,000.**

The Regional Disaster Response Emergency Fund (DREF) team has recommended close consultation with RCST, the preparation of operational updates outlining these changes, and the initiation of EAP implementation in 2024. Due to RCST's internal restructuring, no activities were completed during the first two years of the project. As a result, planned prepositioning stock activities for Years 1 and 2 have been moved to Year 3. Additionally, since no implementation took place during this period, associated costs—such as consultancy fees (Committee of Emergency Situations [CoES] and Hydro-Met) and focal point compensation—were not incurred.


Adjustments have been made to certain budget items to account for inflation in Tajikistan, including transportation, volunteer incentives, and billboard production. With IFRC now managing procurement, the budget has been updated to include costs for a Procurement Delegate, a Disaster Management Coordinator providing technical support to RCST, technical support for lessons learned, and IFRC monitoring expenses. The depreciation of the Swiss franc (CHF) against the Tajikistani somoni (TJS) over the past two years has also contributed to increased costs. As per IFRC-DREF procedures, any unspent funds will be returned to IFRC.

**In total the budget will increase by CHF 11,632, from CHF 249,970 to CHF 261,603.**

*Further details on the revised budget and causes of delay of implementation are highlighted in the "Budget" section of this Operations Update.*

## Early Action Overview

### PLANNED OPERATIONS<sup>1</sup>

 <b>Shelter, Housing and Settlements</b>	Female:	3,000					Original budget: <b>CHF 0</b>
	Male:	2,580					Revised budget: <b>CHF 182,308</b>
<b>Indicator planned:</b>	Number of people reached with shelter, housing and settlement interventions in advance of a hazard						
<b>Priority Early Actions:</b>	<i>The most vulnerable population are provided with relief items by RCST to reduce health risk</i>						
<b>Readiness activities</b>	1	2	3	4	5		
N/A	<b>Timeframe [Years]</b>						
<b>Pre-positioning activities</b>	1	2	3	4	5		
Water Spray Cooling Fan [1 per family]							
Farmers’ sun hat							
Cap for [school] children							
Sun umbrella [2 per family]							
	<b>Timeframe (Days)</b>						
<b>Early action activities</b>	1	2	3	4	5		
Transportation services for distribution of relief items for 2 regions							

<sup>1</sup> As some of the activities have not been implemented in the first two years of the EAP, following the revision of the planned intervention, some of the activities have been deprioritized.



## Health & Care<sup>2</sup>

Female: **1,330**

Male: **1,330**

Original budget: **CHF 2,294**

Revised budget: **CHF 3,119**

### Indicator:

Number of people reached with WASH interventions in advance of a hazard

### Priority Early Actions:

*The most vulnerable population are provided with drinking water and purification tablets by RCST to reduce health risk*

Readiness activities	1	2	3	4	5	
N/A						
	Timeframe [Years]					
Pre-positioning activities	1	2	3	4	5	
Water Purification Tablets for 1,330 people [total: for 266 families] [5 tabs in pack], [2 packs per family].						
	Timeframe (Days)					
Early action activities	1	2	3	4	5	
Drinking Water - transportation and distribution to 1,330 people [5 days in 2 target communities]						



## Risk Reduction, climate adaptation and recovery

Female: **3,000**

Male: **2,580**

Original budget: **CHF 115,605**

Revised budget: **CHF 15,616<sup>3</sup>**

### Indicator:

Number of people reached with risk reduction and/or climate adaptation interventions in advance of a hazard

### Priority Early Actions:

*Target populations are prepared with appropriate measures to heatwave*

	Timeframe [Years]					
Readiness activities	1	2	3	4	5	

<sup>2</sup> Although the planned activities fall under Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH), the narrative description of the intervention remains under Health & Care to align with the corresponding budget allocation. Please see the "Budget Summary" page below for further details.

<sup>3</sup> The original budget is substantially lower as reallocations have occurred between this intervention and Health & Care.

Annual heatwave awareness campaign [15 persons in 5 districts (3 person in each district) for 2 days]						
Per diem for RCST branch staff and volunteers [15 Persons in 5 districts [3 persons in each district] for 2 days] during heatwave awareness campaigns (Annual)						
Fuel for vehicle to transport RCST staff [2 Persons] and volunteers [3 persons in 5 districts for 1 day] during heatwave awareness campaign (Annual)						
	<b>Timeframe [Years]</b>					
<b>Pre-positioning activities</b>	1	2	3	4	5	
Production of billboards [Heatwave awareness raising materials]						
Production of flyers [Heatwave awareness raising materials]						
	<b>Timeframe (Days)</b>					
<b>Early action activities</b>	1	2	3	4	5	
Aid Distribution						

## Enabling approaches



Coordination and Partnerships

Original budget: CHF 0

Revised budget: CHF 4,202

Objective:

Strengthening connections and gathering information, holding meetings, seminars and trainings for RCST staff at various levels.

Priority Early Actions:

*Trainings and consultancy to RCST staff is provided, weather monitored and information on triggers is timely communicated to the stakeholders*

Timeframe [Years]

Readiness activities	1	2	3	4	5	
Committee of Emergency Situation (CoES) Consultant fees [3 months per year]						

Annual working group meeting with Forecast-based Financing (FbF) implementing partners to update the possible changes the EAP.						
Agency for Hydrometeorology Consultant fees [3 months per year]						
	<b>Timeframe [Years]</b>					
<b>Pre-positioning activities</b>	1					
N/A						
	<b>Timeframe (Days)</b>					
<b>Early action activities</b>	1	2	3	4	5	
N/A						



## Secretariat Services

Original budget: **CHF 4,401**  
Revised budget: **CHF20,311**

### Objective:

Provide technical support to RCST in implementation of EAP on heatwave

### Priority Early Actions:

*Support RCST with procurement, monitoring and Lessons Learned Workshop (LLW)*

	<b>Timeframe [Years]</b>					
<b>Readiness activities</b>	1	2	3	4	5	
DM Coordinator payroll and SOSC - 10% (Jul 24-Jun 25)						
Monitoring by DM Coordinator						
Procurement Delegate - 20% (Aug'24)						
IFRC Financial charges & FX						
	<b>Timeframe [Years]</b>					
<b>Pre-positioning activities</b>	1					
IFRC Procurement delegate support to NS						
	<b>Timeframe (Days)</b>					

Early action activities	1	2	3	4	5	
Monitoring by DM Coordinator						
Procurement Delegate - 20% Early Action						
IFRC Financial charges & FX						
IFRC participation at LLW (regional + local)						



## National Society Strengthening

Original budget: **CHF 58,139**

Revised budget: **CHF 36,047**

### Objective:

RCST is having an innovative strategy at the Tajikistan level. It is assumed that the district authorities and the beneficiaries themselves value early support at different levels. RCST is ready in preparation and response in the region. RCST branches have National Disaster Response Teams (NDRTs) and qualified deployment volunteers, vehicles and communication materials. RCST ensures an effective deployment of the staff/NDRTs within 24 hours of activation, it will be a key that both the NDRT coordinator and RCST Secretary General are involved in the process from the outset.

	Timeframe [Year]					
Readiness activities	1	2	3	4	5	
Annual refresher workshop for RCST staff and volunteers						
RCST Focal Point salary [6 months per year]						
Social Tax						
Communication/Stationary [Internet, Telephone etc. for 6 persons]						
RCST Indirect administrative cost						
	Timeframe [Year]					
Pre-positioning activities	1	2	3	4	5	
Visibility items for RCST HQ staff/RCST branch members and volunteers [set of bibs & caps]						
Roll-up banners with FbF/Implementing Partners/NS logos						
	Timeframe (Days)					
Early action activities	1	2	3	4	5	
RCST Indirect administrative cost						

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## Budget

<u>Operating Budget</u>	Readiness	Pre-Pos Stock	Early Action	TOTAL
<b>Planned Operations</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>186,730</b>	<b>11,113</b>	<b>201,043</b>
Shelter and Basic Household Items	0	180,453	1,855	182,308
Livelihoods	0	0	0	0
Multi-purpose Cash	0	0	0	0
Health	0	1,727	1,391	3,119
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	0	0	0	0
Protection, Gender and Inclusion	0	0	0	0
Education	0	0	0	0
Migration	0	0	0	0
Risk Red., Climate Adapt. and Recovery	3,200	4,550	7,866	15,616
Community Engagement and Accountability	0	0	0	0
Environmental Sustainability	0	0	0	0
<b>Enabling Approaches</b>	<b>45,548</b>	<b>3,919</b>	<b>11,093</b>	<b>60,560</b>
Coordination and Partnerships	4,202	0	0	4,202
Secretariat Services	13,118	0	7,193	20,311
National Society Strengthening	28,227	3,919	3,900	36,047
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>48,748</b>	<b>190,649</b>	<b>22,206</b>	<b>261,603</b>

1. There were no activity completed in Year 1 and Year 2 of the EAP HW in Tajikistan, and some of the Year 1 and Year 2 activities, mainly related to Prepositioning Stock activities, were shifted to Year 3.
2. Due to the above-mentioned reasons, some of the Year 1 and Year 2 activities (mainly Readiness activities), including consultancy fees (COES and Hydro-met), Focal Point payroll, expenses awareness raising campaign, were removed from the budget, which results in decrease of the costs.
3. The cost for the communication and stationery are increased slightly due to inflation.
4. Tajikistan National Society is recommended to address some of the issues, which raised from the audit, and until that time procurement activities will be managed by IFRC, and therefore procurement of the items for the current project will be managed by IFRC with the support of Procurement Delegate and CHF 3,229 is added to cover part of the Procurement Delegate cost for 2 months.
5. DM Coordinator will be providing technical support and their cost for monitoring, lessons learned workshop and procurement support were added to the budget.
6. CHF has depreciated against TJS and the new rates of the average CHF/TJS exchange rate of 0.0871 versus 0.0809, which was used in the original budget, will increase the budget by CHF 18,622 but since the expenditures will be in TJS, the difference will be returned to IFRC, if there will be no substantial change in exchange rates.

In total, the budget will increase by CHF 11,632 (to CHF 261,603 from CHF 249,970).

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