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The first round table was held on 6th of February 2013 in Rushan district after completing the Hazard and Social Vulnerability Risk Assessment (HSVRA) and Disaster Awareness and Preparedness (DAP) training in the 17 target communities of Rushan district of GBAO. In total, 20 representatives from different services and departments of the local government participated in the round table. The participants included Deputy district Head, Head of district branch of Committee for Emergency Situations, Head of land use department, leaders of sub-district based Community Emergency Response Teams, water department engineer, Head of sub-districts, Head of environmental protection department and local NGOs. The round table mainly focused on presenting HSVRA assessment results and recommendation on geohazards and social vulnerability of the target communities to the local government authorities of Rushan district. In addition, participants reviewed and commented on the list of Criteria and Indicators (C&I) on Sustainable Land Management that was developed and facilitated by Hilfswerk Austria International in Tajikistan during Disaster Awareness and Preparedness (DAP) trainings in 2012 at the community level.



Deputy district Head opened the meeting and pointed out the importance of sharing HSVRA assessment results with the relevant stakeholders and governmental services of the district. According to him, it contributes towards better understanding of the vulnerability situation of community from Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) perspective and provides local government with updated data which makes possible integration the findings as well as recommendations into the district development plan. Local media also participated in the meeting and highlighted the importance of publishing the basic outcomes of the assessment in the local newspaper.

At the end of the meeting a copy of the VDMP for each assessed community, blueprints of mitigation projects and A1 size hazard maps were distributed to the district branch of CoES, Heads of sub-districts and Head of CERTs for the three targeted sub-districts. These tools will be used for the decision making process at the sub-district and district level in regard with DRR.

Mountain Societies Development Support Programme (MSDSP KG) in Kyrgyzstan

The second round table was held on 22nd of February 2013 in Gulcha village of Alai district. The round table gathered a total of 25 people: representatives of relevant government services and departments, district administration, district department of the Ministry of Emergency Situations (MoES), target sub-district administrations, and the Committee for Civil Protection (CCP). During the round table, the project team presented the objectives, implementation, and achievements of the project. The participants also discussed the role of local authorities and communities in the implementation of the project and the process of HSVRA in the targeted villages of Alai district (Sary-Mogol, Taldy-Suu, and Sary-Tash).



As a result of the HSVRA, a number of electronic documents were produced, including database on 20 targeted villages, field assessment reports, disaster response plans, video materials, which provide most up-to-date data at the sub-district level and include all information regarding the socio-economic situation in the villages. The project team provided recommendations on the proper use of land for the construction of safe buildings only on the basis of expert opinion, based on their findings for each geo-hazard and in compliance with building codes and regulations.

As a conclusion of the round table, the following priorities were established for achieving sustainable results and establishing quality coordination among DRR stakeholders: a) to organize quarterly coordination meetings of CCPs at the district level with the participation of all stakeholders; b) to develop disaster risk management plans at the village level including activities at all stages: before the disaster (prevention), during the disaster (mitigation), and after the disaster (recovery) introduce these plans to the public; c) to strengthen training components with the involvement of NGOs, local authorities, teachers in rural schools, and community leaders; d) to conduct annual evacuation exercises to strengthen disaster response; e) to distribute DRR manuals, DVDs, and other materials with informative visual instructions for safe construction and community preparedness for disasters.

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