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## EUROPEAN UNION SUPPORTS THE FLOOD AFFECTED IN KHATLON REGION

Recent heavy rains caused floods and mudslides in East Khatlon in Tajikistan, the district of Muminabad and Kulyab were areas severely affected by the mudflows causing damages to hundreds of households and affecting the economy of the districts.

OXFAM responded with provision family hygiene kits to 175 most affected households in villages of Muminabad district. In collaboration with the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Tajikistan OXFAM also provided disinfecting chlorine to the regional Sanitary Epidemiological Stations in the affected areas of Muminabad and Kulyab.

OXFAM plans to continue distribution of hygiene items to additional 325 vulnerable and affected families in Kulyab and other districts in East Khatlon from the stockpiles funded by the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection department under the DIPECHO 6 project. Such assistance will provide some relief to the destitute households who are trying to rebuild their livelihoods affected by the spring tragedy.



*Distribution of Hygiene Kits in Khanatarosh, Muminabad, Tajikistan.  
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Most of those who came to the distribution site in Khanatarosh village of Muminabad were elderly and women, while able bodied men were trying to still clear the rubbles from family yards. The children also witnessed the forces of nature - two boys Imomjon and Husein described how the disaster came into their village: "Early morning on that day we went out and saw people running from their houses, and even our neighbour's house was totally destroyed".

The chairman of Muminabad district Mr. Zaripov and OXFAM's Deputy Country Director Ms. Aliberdieva made a joint visit to the affected sites. OXFAM expressed its continuous commitment and support to district needs in drinking water access, viable livelihoods and disaster resilience through OXFAM's targeted development and humanitarian programmes. Both parties shared a vision on district preparedness for disaster response, with some concrete plans around contingency plans and technical support, which will be supported through DIPECHO 7 project.

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