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### Focus Humanitarian Assistance Tajikistan and Afghanistan

A **cross border** workshop was organized on the 14-15<sup>th</sup> of November, 2013 involving stakeholders from Tajik and Afghan Badakhshan. The main objective of the workshop was to enhance local authorities' knowledge and practical skills on disaster risk management (DRR), sustainable use of natural resources as well as to coordinate planning for upcoming activities between relevant stakeholders (government, non-governmental organizations, and local communities) in both countries. The workshop participants included representatives from provincial government offices involved in DRR, forestry, natural resources management as well as civil society organizations and non-governmental organizations. The workshops benefited from information exchange and dialogue between all stakeholders towards more effective and meaningful collaboration.



Cross border workshop participants, Ishkashim, Afghanistan

**Two different workshops** at national level were conducted in December, 2013 in Dushanbe, Tajikistan and Fayzabad in Afghanistan. The last workshops within PAMIR project served as a platform that brought together the organizations working on DRR, environment protection, natural resources management. The aim of the workshop was to present the overall achievements of the project and to disseminate the results at the national levels in both countries to the partner institutions, organizations and stakeholders and sharing the recommendations in order to raise the awareness of partners and stakeholder on DRR, environment protection and appropriate interventions. The workshops were combined with presentations, discussions and group works and some recommendations were given by participants on how to cooperate in the future and how to take the next steps.

A Hazard and Social Vulnerability Risk Assessment (HSVRA) has been conducted in all 100 villages along the Pyanj River between Tajikistan and Afghanistan. Planned round tables and “one day” workshops were conducted in 100 villages and all produced materials were handed over to local and regional authorities. The PAMIR project was one of the successful projects in FOCUS that supported identifying and learning information on hazards, environment and poverty reduction and producing mitigation measures and disseminating the results at the national, regional, district and community levels.

### Hilfswerk Austria International (HWA) in Tajikistan)

A **press conference** on “PAMIR project: results and lesson learned experience” was organized on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November, 2013 for students and Kyrgyz Media at Bishkek Press Center in Kyrgyzstan. In total, 40 people attended from the Agricultural University, Kyrgyz-Russian Slavik University, Kyrgyz State University named after Arbaev, American University in Central Asia and journalists from various newspapers, journals at national and regional levels. The conference was facilitated by Dr. Gulnaz Jalilova and Mr. Umed Aslanov. During the conference, interesting questions were raised and discussed. Moreover, project leaflets, reports, bulletins and other related materials were distributed.



Conference participants, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

### APPRECIATION

**The project PAMIR** was successfully implemented by Hilfswerk Austria International in close cooperation with Focus Humanitarian Assistance in Tajikistan, Focus Humanitarian Assistance in Afghanistan, Mountain Societies Development Support Programme in Kyrgyzstan, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU), Austria, Natural Resources Management Unit of the Aga-Khan Foundation in Afghanistan, Khorog Leskhoz (state forest farm) in Tajikistan, German Technical Cooperation (GIZ) in Tajikistan, and Chon-Alay Leskhoz in Kyrgyzstan within January 2011 to December 2013. We have achieved all targeted goals and would like to thank to all our partners, colleagues, collaborators, and especially to the Committee for Environmental Protection and Committee for Emergency Situations in Tajikistan, Department of Geology in Tajikistan, Agency for Environmental Protection in Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authorities, Agency for Environmental Protection and Forestry in Kyrgyzstan, Ministry for Emergency Situations in Kyrgyzstan, Engineering research institute “KyrgyzGIZ” and South Kyrgyzstan Geological Expedition for their excellent support and contribution to PAMIR project.

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### Natural Resources Management Unit of the Aga Khan Foundation (NRM AKF) in Afghanistan

Three capacity building and awareness raising workshops were conducted in Afghan Badakhshan by NRM AKF between September - November, 2013. One training workshop was organized at Shughnan center Shughnan district; one workshop was organized in Zarkhan village of Zebok district; and one at Ishmurgh village of Wakhan district. 150 farmers, 4 government agriculture officers and 8 AKF natural resources management department staff members have participated in this workshop. The idea of these workshops was to introduce the farmers and interested stakeholders to the forestry techniques and horticulture in the Pamir region. The workshops were facilitated by Dr. Haqnazarov K. from the Pamir Biological Institute (PBI) in Tajikistan. All three workshops followed the same training approach and covered the same content. Dr. Haqnazarov started by introducing the participants and then made an introduction of forestry and its importance in rural livelihoods. His method of teaching and approach were very participatory, as he first allowed the participants to talk about the benefits of trees, forests and jotted down all the points in flip charts. Then he sought for local solutions from the farmers. After collecting all ideas and suggestions from the farmers he then delivered training and provided information on importance of forestry and rangeland, and continued on management, rehabilitation, protection of forestry and rangeland and also talked about controlling insect and pest that damage the forestry and other local vegetation.



Workshop participants in Zebok village, Afghanistan

The government agriculture officers mentioned that conducting such workshops is very important for improvement of living environment and forestry in the remote and isolated area where 100% community members rely on fuelwood for cooking and space heating in harsh and prolong winter. They also appreciated AKF and PAMIR project for this useful and beneficial collaboration to address the burning issue of forestry in the border districts of Badakhshan. Farmers expressed gratitude for organization of such training for them. They were very enthusiastic during the workshop and demanded up scaling and continuation of this program of forestry, awareness raising and capacity building for the coming year. They assured the trainer and AKF staff of their full cooperation and support to make this program a success in their respective villages and districts.

### Khorog Leshoz and German Technical Cooperation (GIZ) in Tajikistan

Two workshops were conducted in Tajik Badakhshan by Khorog Leskhoz and GIZ between November and December, 2013. The first workshop on “Nursery and greenhouse keeping” was organized for local foresters and forest users aiming at raising their awareness on sustainable livelihoods/forest management. The workshop was facilitated by the Pamir Botanical Institute experts combining the theory with practice. During the workshop, all 10 participants from Ishkashim, Rushan and Roshtkala districts visited the Buni nursery site, where they got introduced to the new planting methods of different tree and shrub species



Workshop participants in the field, Tajikistan

The second workshop on “Capacity building of forest user groups - tenants on Joint Forest Management” was conducted on 18-19th of December. In total, 12 tenants and foresters from Ishkashim, Rushan and Gund districts participated. During the workshop, the facilitators focused on forest use rules and regulation of forest users within Forest Management (JFM) initiative, forest code of Tajikistan and collaboration with Khorog Leskhoz. Moreover, some conflicting issues in forest management between forest users and foresters were discussed.



Workshop participants in Abharv nursery plot, Ishkashim, Tajikistan

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