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Title of project	Strengthening Regional Cooperation for a Community-based Approach to Disaster Preparedness in the Ferghana Valley
Name of agency	Mercy Corps
Project donor	EC Directorate-General for Humanitarian Aid - ECHO
Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provincial and district level Ministry of Emergency Situations (MES) divisions in Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan (all countries of the Ferghana Valley). • Other local government institutions at district and local levels. • Various local NGO partners in all countries. • National Societies of the International Red Crescent (NSRC) in Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan.
Project objective(s)	<p>Specific objective #1 To provide participating communities with the ability to prepare themselves for, and respond to, the occurrence of natural disasters.</p> <p>Specific objective #2 To strengthen government cooperation and support for an integrated regional approach to disaster preparedness and response that enhances community participation and decision making.</p>
Summary	<p>In each of 48 communities (16 communities in Tajikistan, 16 communities in Uzbekistan and 16 communities in Kyrgyzstan):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create Response Groups (30 people in each) and Young Rescuer Groups (20 school children); • Conduct a training program with Response Groups, Young Rescuer Groups and School children; • Equip Response Groups for emergency situations (generators, pry bars, spades, first-aid-kits, overalls, special tools etc); • Organize and conduct disaster simulations; • Conduct competitions for children - national children's drawing competitions & national and regional competitions of Young Rescuer Groups. • Organize regional International Simulation Exercise. MES structures, Civil Defense services, and Response Groups from three countries take part; • Organize Regional Conferences under the theme: "Co-ordination of actions of state structures of central, regional and local government bodies and communities of Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan regarding cooperation

	<p>in disaster response”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Response Groups created are registered and made part of the local Civil Defense Force Structure, under the responsibility of the district level MES.
<p>Keywords</p> <p>Indicate DR mechanism:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Risk Assessment - Prevention/mitigation - Preparedness - Response - Recovery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Risk Assessment:</u> Field research and consultation with MES experts to establish disaster risk factors for each project community. Training program developed and conducted together with simulation in each separate community according to these factors. <u>Preparedness:</u> Communities prepared for possible emergency situations through training program focused on adults and children. Practical activities of population to respond to Emergency Situations are worked through during series of simulations. Response Groups in each community are organized, trained and equipped so as to be constantly ready to respond to disasters.
<p>Best practice (if any) (see Annex below)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All project community Response Groups follow standard disaster response procedures agreed with local government authorities; Local as well as Regional International Simulation exercises organized following best practice guidelines. MES structures, Civil Defense services, and community Response Groups from three countries take part.
<p>Target area</p> <p>If possible district</p>	<p>Central Asia, Ferghana Valley:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tajikistan (16 communities): Sughd Uzbekistan (16 communities): Namangan, Andijan, Ferghana; Kyrgyzstan (16 communities): Jalalabad, Osh, Batken
<p>Beneficiaries</p>	<p>DIPECHO-MC-II (2004-2005): DIRECT: 5,835 (2,181 women). INDIRECT: 3,012 (total school children) x 7 (av. fam. size) = 21,084. TOTAL: 26,919</p> <p>DIPECHO-MC-I (2003-2005):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30 communities (created in 2003) are project beneficiaries: DIRECT: 39642 people, 13538 of them are women. INDIRECT: 151,228 people TOTAL: 190,870 <p>TOTAL NUMBER OF PROJECT BENEFICIARIES 2003-2005: DIRECT: 45,477 (15,719 women) INDIRECT: 172,312</p>
<p>Timeframe/status</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Second phase (DIPECHO-MC-II): July 1, 2004 – April 30, 2005 (Duration 10 months) – status: realization and monitoring; First phase (DIPECHO-MC-I): June 1, 2003 – June 30, 2004 (Duration 13 months) – status: monitoring.
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