



Bringing water and resilience to mountain communities

 **TAJIKISTAN**

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Problem

- Households, schools and mosques have low access to water services
- High financial (or time) burden to either purchase water from tankers or collect it from mountains 7 to 10km away
- High vulnerability to water-borne diseases and climate hazards



Mudflow in Nilu village, Tajikistan. Photo: RCST

Results

- 3,478 individuals gained access to clean water through 25 distribution points
- School with 520 students connected to water supply
- Water committees established and 44 volunteers trained
- Strong relationship with local water department



Representatives of the Japanese Embassy and the Japanese Red Cross Society tasting the water from the newly built water taps in the villages.
Photo: RCST

Lessons

- Plan construction around climate events and agricultural seasons
- Value of strong community engagement from design through implementation and maintenance
- Establish water committees with clear maintenance protocols



17-year-old Abdurahmon is a volunteer of the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan who shares information about first aid, health and disaster preparedness in his community.
Photo: Veera Lehto-Michaud / Finnish Red Cross

Factors for success

- Strong engagement of local communities, contribution of community labor
- Involvement of the district management and local water department
- Effective advocacy for project goals through religious leaders and local activists



Construction of laying pipes trenches in project villages. Photo: RCST

Community feedback



“Often when we ran out of water, my sons had to get water from a spring, which is very far away. Because of this, they could not go to school on such days. Buying water is an impossible burden for our family.

Now the situation has changed. We have water all day around. What you have done is you have given water to the people, and I cannot express words of my gratitude”

- Ms Adolat Sharifova, a resident of Sangchashma village



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